

NEW WORDS FOR HOLY COMMUNION MARCH 2012

**Thematic prayers, acclamations, biddings and blessings for the
Sundays and principal feasts of the church year**

ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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SAMPLE

26TH. MARCH 2012
THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

GOSPEL Luke 1: 26 - 38

ACCLAMATION

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

We are caged in a prison we built for ourselves and we cannot break free. But nothing is impossible for God who will break down the prison gates and release the repentant from their sins.

LORD HAVE MERCY

God comes to us but we do not make him welcome.
Lord have mercy.

God brings us good news but we do not share it.
Christ have mercy.

God calls us but we refuse to let it be according to his will.
Lord have mercy.

COLLECT

Fertile God, you have favoured your people with your presence. Take our lives and let them be a vessel for your grace so that we may bear the good news of the Word made flesh and strive willingly to fulfil our calling in this world.

CANTICLE

**R: Give thanks for the goodness of the Lord
whose mercy will endure for ever.**

Every part of me shouts out the greatness of the Lord;
my very being rejoices in God who has saved me;
I am blessed for ever for the Lord has done great things for me;
holy is the name of the Lord. **R.**

In every age God has been merciful
to those who have shown him true reverence.
God has shown his strength by scattering
the proud and the boastful and arrogant. **R.**

God has thrown the mighty from their thrones
and raised up the humble and lowly.
God has fed the hungry with delicious food
whilst rejecting the greed of the rich. **R.**

God has come to the help of his people
according to what he promised
to our ancestors from the beginning
and to their children for evermore. **R.**

ALLELUIAS

Alleluia! Alleluia!
God has called us to a holy calling,
not according to our own desires,
but to God's purpose and grace.
Alleluia!

INTERCESSIONS

Through the message of an angel, you called Mary to be the bearer of your eternal Word. In Mary you became as one with us and creation was reborn. May we accept our holy calling to cast aside our own concerns and willingly pursue your will. May we be bearers of the good news of salvation and, inspired by your Holy Spirit, give birth to Christ in the lives of your children here on earth.

The message your angel, Gabriel, brought to Mary was good news for all people in all the world and for all time. Cast down the greed and selfishness of the rich and powerful and inspire those with authority to seek accord with your will; to raise up the poor, remove oppression and feed the hungry.

You chose a lowly, powerless, young woman to be the mother of your Son, the King of Glory. You still choose the ordinary to fulfil your will on earth. Be with us in our everyday lives. Be with our families and our friends. Be with our children and protect them from those who seek to do them harm. Surround us with love so we may grow strong in faith and hope, and resolute to proclaim our inheritance as children of God in all we say and do.

You protected Mary as she bore and gave birth to your Son and chose Joseph, the carpenter, to care for her. Keep in your loving care all women in pregnancy and childbirth. Help fathers to live up to their vocation of parenthood and keep them in good health so they may provide for their families as you provide for your family here on earth.

The shadow of his crucifixion hung over your Son as he was conceived in Mary's womb. His birth would lead to death, but his death would lead to resurrection and eternal life for all your children. Send your angels to bear all who die into the new life of your Kingdom. May they rest in peace and be born again in glory.

With Mary, the mother of our Lord, your holy angels and all the family of God, we offer up our prayers to you, our loving Father.

PEACE

Beautiful upon the mountains are the feet
of the messenger of peace, good news and salvation.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Inspiring God, you call each one of us to use the gifts you bestowed
first on us when we were in our mother's womb. Accept now our
willingly given sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as we prepare to
celebrate the incarnation of your Son within and among us.

EUCCHARISTIC PREFACE

You sent Gabriel, the messenger of your grace, to announce to Mary
that she would bear your Son, Emmanuel; the Word made flesh within
flesh, child of your love for your creation and fruit of Mary's womb. By
accepting her calling with a willing heart she helped you build a bridge
between earth and heaven across which your children, led by your
Son, their saviour, would walk to freedom and eternal joy.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of new birth, you have called us to share in the life of your Son.
Send us out into the world to be bringers of good news and bearers of
salvation.

BLESSING

May God fill you with grace and favour you,
and the blessing...