

## **MARCH 25, THE ANNUNCIATION: MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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### Psalm 40

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 40, verses 1 through 11 [or verses 5 through 10], found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 640.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the  
mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my  
footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false  
gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord  
my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.

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- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell  
them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not  
required, \*  
and so I said, “Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning  
me: \*  
“I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.”
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great  
congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my  
heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your  
deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness  
from the great congregation.

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*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,’ as it is written of me in the roll of the book.” When he said above, “Thou hast neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Lo, I have come to do thy will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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### Verse before the Gospel

*All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* The Word was made flesh and dwelt  
among us; \*  
And we beheld his glory.

*People* Alleluia.

### The Holy Gospel

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with

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God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.” And Mary said to the angel, “How shall this be, since I have no husband?” And the angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.