

**Daily Office for the Feast of
the Annunciation, 25th
March**

Becoming present to God

*Through a sign of
attentiveness like lighting a
candle or*

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit

or

Greetings, favoured one! **The
Lord is with you.** (Luke 1:28)

**Celebrating the presence of
God**

God, who chose Mary to be
the mother of your Son,
fashioning her life to be ready
to welcome your Word

***we give you praise
that you have chosen us from
before the foundations of the
world to live to your praise
and glory.***

We give you thanks
that you sent Gabriel to
Nazareth and sought out Mary
with words of gracious
acceptance.

**and have found us, too, in the
midst of life and called us to
follow your Son and minister in
his name.**

We praise you that you assured
Mary of your favour and
acceptance

**and we worship you that your
favour now rests on all upon
whom the Spirit has rested and
who believe in her Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord.**

*A pause to name any specific
thanks or praise*

Acknowledging our humanity

Greeted by an angel, we would be
fearful and bewildered, for your
perfect love has yet to cast out all
fear

***Lord, let your favour rest upon us
and save us from our fears.***

We too are perplexed and wonder
how your will shall be done
through our lives

***Lord, let your favour rest upon us
and save us from our doubts.***

Nothing is impossible with you,
Lord, and we desire to live, not by
sight, but by faith, and fully trust
you,

Lord, let your favour rest upon us and save us from our faithlessness.

We struggle to say "Yes, Lord. Here I am", and recognise our withdrawal from your will and way.
Lord, let your favour rest upon us and save us from our wilful disobedience.
Silence

Lord, save us that we too might bear the Word of God and carry with us the aroma of your Son, that with Mary, *Theotokos*, God-bearer, and all your people, in Heaven and on earth, we might declare your praises and live unashamedly to your glory.

Listening for the Word of God
From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle - Optional

Not my will, but yours

When Jesus reached the place, he said to his disciples

"Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

The he withdrew from them about a stone's-throw, knelt down and prayed

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will, but yours be done."

Then an angel from heaven appeared, and gave him strength.

(Luke 22:40–43)

Reflecting on our roots

Living God, enable us this day to be pilgrims and companions: committed to the way of Christ, faithful to the call of Christ, discerning the mind of Christ, offering the welcome of Christ, growing in the likeness of Christ, engaging in the mission of Christ, in the world that belongs to Christ.

Bringing our concerns

We pray for young people, called by God to serve him, and fearful of the implications

We pray for all whose reputation in the eyes of the world is destroyed because of faithfulness to Christ's way

We pray for all women who are carrying infants in their womb, and for those who have

lost children through miscarriage, still-birth or neonatal death.

Lord, draw near with strength and courage to all who are fearful, doubting or oppressed.
Amen
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Going to love and serve

Here I am, the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)

Lord, we too are your servants, and we offer this day in joyful obedience to your word in the power of your Spirit.

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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