

**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 neo-natal 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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