

A Service of Intercession & Eucharist  
St Thomas's Parish, Newark, Delaware  
Annunciation

*Salutation*

*Priest* Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

**All** His mercy endures forever.

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Priest* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*Gloria* **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Collects*

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O Lord our God, you sustained your ancient people in the wilderness with bread from heaven: Feed now your pilgrim flock with the food that endures to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all who minister to the sick; prosper our efforts to protect and heal; and grant that, being aware of the frailty and uncertainty of our life, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gospel*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*Homily*

*Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The  
Litany*

God the Father,  
**have mercy on us.**

God the Son,  
**have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,  
**have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy,  
hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death, and at the day of judgment,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten Kevin our Bishop and all who minister with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the faint-hearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Endue all our elected leaders with wisdom and understanding.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep all your people.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring your joy into all families; strengthen and deliver those in childbirth, watch over children and guide the young, bring reconciliation to those in discord and peace to those in stress.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Pour out your mercy on [*Prayer List*] and all who have been entrusted to our prayers.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially those who have gone before us in this church, those we remember today [*Prayer List*], those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*Peace*

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Offertory*

*The Canon*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Priest continues* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Priest continues* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you

and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All**            **Christ has died.**  
                  **Christ is risen.**  
                  **Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Priest*            And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All**            **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
                  **hallowed be thy Name,**  
                  **thy kingdom come,**  
                  **thy will be done,**  
                  **on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
                  **as we forgive those**  
                  **who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
                  **but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
                  **and the power, and the glory,**  
                  **for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread.*

*Priest*            Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**All**            **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Priest* Behold the Lamb of God.  
Behold him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the  
Lamb.

*A prayer for those unable to receive Communion:*

***Lord Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.***

*Post-Communion Prayer*

***All*** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Blessing*

*Dismissal*