

**MARCH 25,
THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: MASS**

For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

A'haz

AY-haz

She'ol

SHEE-ol

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Again the LORD spoke to A'haz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as She'ol or high as heaven.” But A'haz 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 Imman'u-el.”

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 40: 5–10

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 40, verses 5 through 10, found in the red Prayer Book on page 640.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 40 found in the bulletin.

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.

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.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Letter 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.

In Lent:

There is no verse before the Gospel. The Reader returns to his or her seat.

In Eastertide:

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader The Word became flesh and dwelt
among us; *
and we have beheld his glory.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

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 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.