

# The Church of the Annunciation

A Parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark



March 7, 2010—The Third Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.

**Welcome!** *If you are visiting or new, we are glad you joined us today. By filling out the visitor's card you will find near the door to the church, you will allow us to stay in touch with you. Please know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. Infants and toddlers are welcome in church, or, if you prefer, nursery care is available. You are encouraged to participate fully in our worship, as you are able—engaging your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God.*

## Prelude

## Welcome, Announcements, and Special Blessings

## Entrance Hymn 448

*Please stand to sing when the bell rings*

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from  
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,  
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We  
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We  
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -  
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance  
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.  
give us, and all we need pro - vide.  
hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

*Priest* Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
*People* Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

## Collect for Purity

*Priest* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Kyrie eleison

Hymnal 1940, #709

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Kyrie eleison'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The copyright notice at the bottom reads 'Copyright, 1928, by the Oxford University Press'.

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated*

### Children's Story

*After the story, children depart for Sunday School downstairs*

### A Reading from Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me,

‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?’” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

(Exodus 3:1-15)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.  
 People Thanks be to God.

**Psalm**



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*Remaining seated, all sing together. The note changes on the underlined word*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
 let those who hate him flee be-fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a-way; \*  
 as the wax melts at the fire,  
 so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
 let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
 exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
 Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
 God in his holy habi-tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
 but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
 when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
 at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

(Psalm 63:1-8)

**A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as


some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

(1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### Hymn 439

*Unison*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

### Tract

*Cantor* Behold, now is the acceptable time;\* behold, now is the day of salvation.  
 (2 Corinthians 6:2)

### The Gospel

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

(Luke 13:1-9)

*Reader*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*           Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**        *Please be seated*

### **Nicene Creed**

*All stand and say together*

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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*The priest first bids the people's prayer intentions, then says*

*Priest*   Let us pray for the church and for the world.

*(Please kneel, if you able to do so. The leader and people pray responsively.)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

This week, we remember the International Court of Justice, in the Hague, and all the leaders of this nation and of the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, and in our parish cycle, we pray for our Sunday School this week. We pray also for Katharine our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishop and other ministers; *For all who serve God in the Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating a special occasion. We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for Stacy Dryden and Heath Pickard, who died in Iraq, for Thomas J. Brown, who died in Afghanistan, and for all those who have died in the wars overseas. We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*(All say together)*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(The priest concludes with an absolution)*

## **Peace**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         And also with you.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel, and the Priest continues, saying in the midst of the prayer*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Priest concludes, and the people respond, "Amen!"*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*The celebrant then says*

As now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All say together*

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.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Hymnal, S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

### Communion of the People

*The Priest invites the people to Communion.*

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. It is our custom to say our name before God, as the celebrant dispenses the bread. If you are unable to take the steps and would like Communion brought to you, please inform an usher.*

### Post-Communion Prayer

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All say together*

Loving God,  
 we give you thanks for restoring us in your image  
 and nourishing us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
 Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed;  
 that we may proclaim your love to the world  
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### Prayer over the People

#### Hymn 152

1 Kind Ma - ker of the world, O hear the fer - vent  
 2 Each heart is man - i - fest to thee; thou know - est  
 3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and  
 4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -  
 5 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -

1 prayer, with man - ya tear poured forth by all the  
 2 our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and  
 3 all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry  
 4 nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,  
 5 chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of

1 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!  
 2 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.  
 3 of thy Name, our weak - ened souls to health re - claim.  
 4 so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.  
 5 for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

**Dismissal**

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**



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## About Today's Lessons & Liturgy

Welcome to Annunciation! Today, the Third Sunday in Lent, is the Sunday of Moses. The Old Testament reading each year is one of the accounts of this major figure in the history of salvation, because in the story of Moses and the exodus, the redemption which was fulfilled in Jesus' dying and rising was foretold.

Today we hear of Moses' call to be God's instrument in liberating the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. God, in calling Moses, reveals the divine Name and nature—"I AM WHO I AM." This is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the God who saves all people. All baptized persons are members of the community of God's people, and in them that saving work continues. In Lent, the baptized and those preparing for Baptism are rediscovering their vocation as members of that community.

The second reading today sees the exodus/Passover event of Israel as a foreshadowing of the life of the church: the crossing of the sea prefigures Baptism, and the manna in the wilderness prefigures the eucharistic feast. Paul warns, however, that just as the exodus event did not protect the Israelites—who later refused to obey God—from the consequences of disobedience, so we members of the church cannot rest on the blessings of Baptism and the Eucharist, but must also live in obedience to God's Word.

The Gospel reading also has as its theme a warning against taking for granted the grace we have received. Those who take God for granted may well find themselves left out of the kingdom.

The liturgy and the sacraments are not ends in themselves, but the means by which God's people are strengthened in living the life of the risen Lord in hope and in mutual love and ministry.

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### Who Knew?

How to Reduce the Size of Your Congregation: (9) Don't get involved in foreign missions.  
—Neal O. Mitchell, *Beyond Business as Usual*, 2007

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### Our Priest

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