

# The Church of the Annunciation

*A Parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark*



July 10, 2011—*Proper 10*

Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.

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**Welcome!** *If you are visiting or new, we are glad you joined us this morning. 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, when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist again, next Sunday.*

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## Welcome, Announcements, and Special Blessings

### Entrance Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

*If you are able, please stand to sing*

*The hymnal is found in the pew rack*

### Opening Sentences

*The leader says*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*(Philippians 1:2)*

### Confession and Prayer for God's Pardon

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

*All kneel and say together*

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.

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

*Please stand, if you are able to do so*

*Leader* ☩ Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*All* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### Venite

*Said together by all*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm**            *Please be seated; the psalm is said in unison*

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.  
106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.  
108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.  
110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.  
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*(Psalm 119:105-112)*

### **A Reading from Genesis**

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red

stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*(Genesis 25:19-34)*

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

### **Canticle**

*If you are able, please stand, and say together*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*(Isaiah 12:2-6)*

*Please be seated*

### **A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*(Romans 8:1-11)*

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

## Canticle

*Please stand and say together*

God chose to be our mother in all things \*  
and so made the foundation of his work,  
most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.  
God, the perfect wisdom of all, \*  
arrayed himself in this humble place.  
Christ came in our poor flesh \*  
to share a mother's care.  
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; \*  
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.  
Christ carried us within him in love and travail, \*  
until the full time of his passion.  
And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, \*  
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.  
All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, \*  
for the love of Christ works in us;  
Christ is the one whom we love.

*(Julian of Norwich, A Song of True Motherhood)*

*Please be seated for the lesson that follows*

## A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*(Matthew 13:1-9,18-23)*

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

## Canticle

*Standing, all say this together*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*(Luke 1:68-79)*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Remaining standing, all say together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

*Leader*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*           And also with you.  
*Leader*           Let us pray.

*All kneel and 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.

*Leader* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* And grant us your salvation.  
*Leader* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* Let your people sing with joy.  
*Leader* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* For only in you can we live in safety.  
*Leader* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
*Leader* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* Your saving health among all nations.  
*Leader* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
*Leader* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The leader then says the following prayers*

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, who makes us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the days to come may be spent in your favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions of Men**

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*All say together*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **The Grace**

*Leader*            The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

**Sermon**            *Please be seated*

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Leader*            Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the most high.

**Offertory Hymn 366** “Holy God, we praise thy name”  
*During the hymn, the people’s offerings are presented at the altar*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Leader*            Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **Closing**

*Leader*            Let us bless the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 371** “Thou whose almighty word”

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## **About Today’s Lessons & Liturgy**

Welcome to our parish. In reading through the Gospel of Matthew, we now reach a section of parables told by Jesus to reveal the nature of God’s Kingdom. This particular parable of the sower describes the basis for our growth in faith and ministry. We must be rooted in the Word of God. Our weekly gathering in Eucharist and our daily prayer and scripture reading are essential parts of this rootedness. We also meet Christ, the living Word of God, in ministry to the poor, the sick, and the neglected.

The first reading continues the story of the Hebrew people. Abraham is dead and Isaac is now head of the

family. He has twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Esau, born first, was the heir but sold his birthright to the cagy Jacob, who will later cheat him out of Isaac's blessing, as well. Yet God will one day intervene and bring hope and redemption out of this scandalous behavior.

In the second reading today, Paul continues to elaborate on the nature of the new life we have received in baptism. As we live in the Spirit rather than according to the world (the flesh) we are discovering more fully that we have been adopted by God as children. Thus we can count on God's faithfulness to us and on our ultimate glorification and eternal life.

We gather to hear God's Word. That Word is not simply the objective written scriptures, however. Above all, the Word is Christ and our celebration centers on meeting him and receiving him, the Word of God incarnate.

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### Announcements

**The second quarter** pledge statements are on the Center Street table.

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### Who Knew?

To save energy, try wrapping an insulation blanket around your water heater; this can conserve as much as 1,000 pounds of carbon dioxide annually.

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**Your Questions Answered:** *Q.* What do we mean by heaven and hell? *A.* From the Catechism in the *Book of Common Prayer*: "By heaven, we mean eternal life in our enjoyment of God; by hell, we mean eternal death in our rejection of God." —JBB

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### In Our Prayers

**Special Intentions:** Dotti Zebrowski, Marilyn Noll, Chloe Devine, Dorothy Craig, Marie Papp, Agnes Dockendorff, Deanna Miller, Sandra Carida, Carolyn Bensen, Gary Hoag, Theodore Stell, Linda Christensen, Christina Zisa, Leslie Granville, Soffie Minassian, Lisa Emelo, Gloria Brower, John Gibbons, Patt Seitz, Neha Dass, Harold Graf, Charles Kochka, Richard Thomas, Sara Sarnicki, Addison Ridden, Joan Hearle, Angela Kaufmann, Stu Kaufmann, Jon Spinnanger, Catherine O'Dougherty, the Cutty family, Rita Huber.

**The Altar Flowers today** are given to the glory of God.

**Absent Guest Plate** (a second offering at the altar steps each week and given away for charitable purposes):  
**Center for Food Action** (Provides emergency food, rental and utility assistance, counseling, and advocacy to our neighbors in need in Bergen County and in the Upper Passaic Valley).

**Those Serving in the Military:** Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly.

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### Today's Lay Leadership

*Altar Guild:* Diane May, Ginny Baird

*Financial Steward:*

*Cantor:*

*Worship Leader:* Grace Oliff

*Lector:*

*Ushers:*

*Preacher:*

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