SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNG EVENING PRAYER II, ANNUNCINATION OF THE LORD (MARCH 25)

OPENING VERSE  All stand and make the Sign of the Cross

HYMN  OLD HUNDREDTH
Let all proclaim that Life has come To this sad world oppressed by sin;
Redemption is the wondrous gift Bestowed on us by Virgin’s Son.

The mystery Isaiah sang fulfillment found in Mary’s faith,
The angel greeted her in hope, The Spirit flooded her with love.

By her belief in angel’s word, A mother’s joy Our Lady knew,
Her virgin womb became the shrine Of him whom earth could not contain.

The guilt that Adam had incurred The Second Adam washed away;
What Adam’s pride has head-long hurled
The humble Christ raised up once more.

All glory be to Christ our Lord, Whom God the Father gave to us,
Whom happy Virgin once conceived, A mother by the Spirit’s grace.

PSALMODY  All are seated

The angel of the Lord brought God’s message to Mary,* And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 110:1-5, 7

The Master standing at your right hand* will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.
He shall drink from the stream by the wayside* and therefore he shall lift up his head.
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.

The Lord’s revelation to my Master: “Sit on my right: * your foes I will put beneath your feet.”
The Lord will wield from Zion your scepter of power:* rule in the midst of all your foes.
A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains;* from the womb before the dawn I begot you.
The Lord has sworn and oath he will not change, “You are a priest for ever,* a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

The angel of the Lord brought God’s message to Mary,* And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Do not be afraid Mary, you have found favor with God, Behold you shall conceive and bear a son, and he will be called Son of the Most High.

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,* Lord, hear my voice! 
O let your ears be attentive* to the voice of my pleading.
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,* Lord, who would survive? 
But with you is found forgiveness:* for this we revere you.
My soul is waiting for the Lord,* I count on his word.

I am the handmaid of the Lord.* Let is be done to me as you have said.

Canticle: Colossians 1:12-20

Let us give thanks to the Father for having made you worth* to share the lot of the saints in light.
He rescued us from the power of darkness* and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Through him we have redemption,* the forgiveness of our sins.
He is the image of the invisible God,* the first-born of all creatures.
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,* things visible and invisible.
All were created through him;* all were created for him.
He is before all else that is.* In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church! He who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead,* so that primacy may be his in everything.
It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him* and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person, both on earth and in the heavens,* making peace through the blood of his cross.
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.
READING  1 John 1:1-2
This is what we proclaim to you: what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked upon and our hands have touched - we speak of the word of life.
This life became visible; we have seen and bear witness to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life that was present to the Father and became visible to us.

RESPONSORY

Leader
The Word was made man* and he lived among us.

All
The Word was made man* and he lived among us.

Leader
He was in the beginning with God,*

All
and he lived among us.

Leader
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

All
The Word was made man* and he lived among us.

CANTICLE OF MARY  All stand

The angel Gabriel said to Mary in greeting: Hail, fun of grace, the Lord is with you;* blessed are you among women.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, * my spirit rejoices in God my savior
for he has looked with favor * on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations * will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.
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.

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INTERCESSIONS

Leader
On this day the eternal Father sent his angel to bring Mary the goodness of our salvation.* Let us turn to God and pray with confidence:

All
Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Leader
You chose the Virgin Mary as the mother of your Son,* have mercy on all who look for your gift of salvation.

All
Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Leader
You sent Gabriel to give Mary your message of peace and joy,* give to the whole world the joy of salvation and your gift of true peace.

All
Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Leader
Mary gave her consent, the Holy Spirit overshadowed her, and your Word came to dwell among us,* touch our hearts that we may welcome Christ as Mary did.

All
Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Leader
You look with love on the humble, and fill the hungry with good gifts,* raise up the downcast, help all in need, comfort and strengthen the dying.

All
Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

Leader
Lord our God, you alone work wonders and with you all things are possible,* give us the fullness of salvation when you raise up the dead on the last day.

All
Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cantor
With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us offer our prayer to the Father. Our Father...

PRAYER

Leader
God our Father, your Word became man and was born of the Virgin Mary. May we become more like Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader
May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Hail, Queen of heaven, hail Lady of the angels. Hail root and gate from which the Light of the world was born. Rejoice glorious Virgin, fairest of all. Fare thee well, most beautiful, and pray for us to Christ.