

**Micah 5:2-4**

2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.” 3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. 4 And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;

**Isaiah 7:10-16**

<sup>10</sup>Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!” <sup>13</sup>Then he said, “Hear now, O house of David! *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>“Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>“For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.

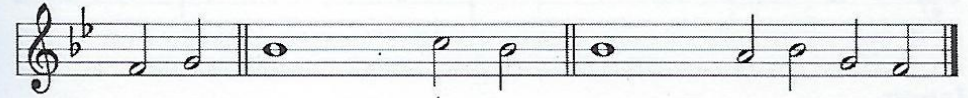
**St. Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup>Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the

house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord is with you; blessed *are* you among women!” <sup>29</sup>But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup>Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup>“He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup>“And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup>Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” <sup>35</sup>And the angel answered and said to her, “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* <sup>36</sup>“Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>“For with God nothing will be impossible.” <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

**MARCH 25—THE FESTIVAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION (WHITE) PSALM 45**

☩ If this date falls within the period from Palm Sunday through the Feast of the Resurrection, the Festival shall occur on the first day after the octave of the Feast.

**Introit.**

*Ant.* ALL THE || rich among the people shall entreat Thy | fa- | vor:  
she shall be brought unto the King in raiment | of | nee- | dle- | work.  
|| Her companions shall be brought unto | Thee | - :  
with gladness | and | re- | joic- | ing.  
*Psalm.* || My heart is inditing a good | mat- | ter:  
I speak of the things which I have made | touch- | ing | the | King.  
GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.  
AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Isaiah 7:10–16****Gospel. Luke 1:26–38****Gradual.**

|| Kings’ daughters were among thy honourable | wo- | men:  
upon thy right hand did stand the queen in | gold | of | O- | phir.  
|| The king’s daughter is all glorious | with- | in:  
her clothing | is | of | wrought | gold.  
|| She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of | needle- | work:  
the virgins, her companions that follow her, shall be | brought | un- | to | thee.

Festival of the Annunciation  
83. All Glory Be to God on High

Nikolaus Decius, 1525

Nikolaus Decius, 1539, asc.

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

1. All glo - ry be to God on high,  
2. We praise, we wor - ship Thee, we trust,  
3. O Je - sus Christ, Thou on - ly Son  
4. O Ho - ly Ghost, Thou pre - cious Gift,

Who hath our race be - friend - ed!  
And give Thee thanks for - ev - er,  
Of God, Thy heav'n - ly Fa - ther,  
Thou Com - fort - er un - fail - ling,

To us no harm shall now come nigh,  
O Fa - ther, that Thy rule is just  
Who didst for all our sins a - tone  
O'er Sa - tan's snares our souls up - lift

The strife at last is end - ed.  
And wise and chang - es nev - er.  
And Thy lost sheep dost gath - er:  
And let Thy pow'r a - vail - ing

God show - eth His good will to men,  
Thy bound - less pow'r o'er all things reigns,  
Thou Lamb of God, to Thee on high  
A - vert our woes and calm our dread.

And peace shall reign on earth a - gain;  
Done is what - e'er Thy will or - dains:  
From out our depths we sin - ners cry,  
For us the Sav - ior's blood was shed;

Oh, thank Him for His good - ness!  
Well for us that Thou rul - est.  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!  
We trust in Thee to save - us. A - men.