

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women” – Saint Luke 1: 28



In order that the mystery of the Most High might be fulfilled, the holy archangel Gabriel and accompanied by innumerable angels in visible human forms and resplendent with incomparable beauty, entered into the chamber, where most holy Mary was praying. It was on a Thursday at six o'clock in the evening and at the approach of night.

The holy archangel saluted our and his Queen and said: "*Ave gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus*" (Luke 1, 28). Hearing this new salutation of the angel, this most humble of all creatures was disturbed, but not confused in mind (Luke 1, 29).

This disturbance arose from two causes: first, from her humility, for She thought Herself the lowest of the creatures and thus in her humility, was taken unawares at hearing Herself saluted and called the "Blessed among women;" secondly, when She heard this salute and began to consider within Herself how She should receive it, She was interiorly made to understand by the Lord, that He chose Her for His Mother, and this caused a still greater perturbation, having such a humble opinion of Herself.

On account of this perturbation the angel proceeded to explain to Her the decree of the Lord, saying : *"Do not fear, Mary, for thou hast found grace before the Lord (Luke 1, 30); behold thou shalt conceive a Son in thy womb, and thou shalt give birth to Him, and thou shalt name Him Jesus; He shall be great, and He shall be called Son of the Most High,"* and the rest as recorded of the holy archangel.

Our most prudent and humble Queen alone, among all the creatures, was sufficiently intelligent and magnanimous to estimate at its true value such a new and unheard of sacrament; and in proportion as She realized its greatness, so She was also moved with admiration. But She raised her humble heart to the Lord, who could not refuse her any petition and in the secret of her spirit She asked new light and assistance by which to govern Herself in such an arduous transaction; the Most High, in order to permit Her to act in this mystery solely in faith, hope and charity, left Her in the common state and suspended all other kinds of favors and interior elevations, which She so frequently or continually enjoyed.

In this disposition She replied and said to holy Gabriel, what is written in saint Luke: *"How shall this happen, that I conceive and bear; since I know not, nor can know, man ?"* At the same time She interiorly represented to the Lord the vow of chastity, which She had made and the espousal, which his Majesty had celebrated with Her.

The holy prince Gabriel replied (Luke 1, 24): *"My Lady, it is easy for the divine power to make Thee a Mother without the co-operation of man; the Holy Spirit shall remain with Thee by a new presence and the virtue of the Most High shall overshadow Thee, so that the Holy of holies can be born of Thee, who shall himself be called the Son of God.*

To this earth the Onlybegotten of the Father shall lower Himself in order to converse with men and communicate to them the treasures of his Divinity, imparting to them his virtues and his immutable and eternal perfections."

Excerpts from *The Mystical City of God* by Sister Mary of Jesus of Agreda manifested by Our Lady, continued below <https://themostholysary.com/mystical-city.htm>

And behold, thy cousin Elisabeth has likewise conceived a son in her sterile years and this is the sixth month of her conception; for nothing is impossible with God. He that can make her conceive, who was sterile, can bring it about, that Thou, Lady, be his Mother, still preserving thy virginity and enhancing thy purity.

At the same moment, with a humility never sufficiently to be extolled, inclining slightly her head and joining her hands, She pronounced these words, which were the beginning of our salvation: *"Ecce ancilla Domini, Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum"* (Luke 1,31).

At the pronouncing of this "fiat," so sweet to the hearing of God and so fortunate for us, in one instant, four things happened.

First, the most holy body of Christ our Lord was formed from the three drops of blood furnished by the heart of most holy Mary.

Secondly, the most holy soul of the same Lord was created, just as the other souls.

Thirdly, the soul and the body united in order to compose His perfect humanity.

Fourthly, the Divinity united Itself in the Person of the Word with the humanity, which together became one composite being in hypostatical union; and thus was formed Christ true God and Man, Our Lord and Redeemer.

This happened in springtime on the twenty-fifth of March, at break or dawning of the day, in the same hour, in which our first father Adam was made and in the year of the creation of the world 5199, which agrees also with the count of the Roman Church in her Martyrology under the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

Conformable to this the world was created in the month of March, which corresponds to the beginning of creation.

And as the works of the Most High are perfect and complete (Deut. 32, 4), the plants and trees come forth from the hands of his Majesty bearing fruit, and they would have borne them continually without intermission, if sin had not changed the whole nature.

In the same instant, in which the Almighty celebrated the nuptials of the hypostatic union in the womb of most holy Mary, the heavenly Lady was elevated to the beatific vision and the Divinity manifested Itself to Her clearly and intuitively.

The Angelus Prayer

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Jesus Christ.

Let us Pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Pray the Angelus morning, noon and night to remember that God the Son became man for our salvation.

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