

I, the LORD, do all these things./ Let justice descend,
O heavens, like dew from above./ like gentle rain let the
skies drop it down./ Let the earth open and salvation
bud forth;/ let justice also spring up!/ I, the LORD, have
created this.

Be it done according to your Word! (cf. Lk 1:38)

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The Just One has descended like dew from above;/ the earth has
opened/ and the Savior has sprung up. (cf. Is 45:8)

INTERCESSIONS

By her example and her prayer, Mary leads us on the way
to Christ, her Son, the Word of God made flesh for our
salvation. Let us pray:

Christ, perfect day,
– enlighten a world that dwells in darkness and the
shadow of death:

℟ Mary, the dawn, pray for us.

Christ, the mystic vine,
– bring together in one all the branches of your Church
and let her bear the fruit of life:

℟ Mary, the root, pray for us.

Christ, the living bread,
– feed the hungers of the world:

℟ Mary, the wheat, pray for us.

Christ, the vision blest,
– keep our eyes fixed on you throughout this day:

℟ Mary, the mirror, pray for us.

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O God, in the Incarnation of the Word, you have
wrought a marvelous exchange: as he humbled himself
to share in our humanity, so did he enable us to have
a share in his divinity. Transform us, O God, accord-
ing to your Word, through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MASS

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

*The Annunciation heralds the beginning of our salvation. At
Mary's obedient Fiat, humanity is wedded to divinity. The salva-
tion our heart cries out for became flesh in Mary's womb. We are
Christians because of what God announced to the Blessed Virgin
Mary. "Since it cannot be bought, in order for this salvation to
enter into us we need a humble heart, a docile heart, an obedi-
ent heart like Mary's" (Pope Francis). When we repeat the words
of the angel by praying the Hail Mary, the Word of God germi-
nates in our soul.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Heb 10:5, 7

The Lord said, as he entered the world:/ Behold, I come to do
your will, O God.

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COLLECT

O God, who willed that your Word
should take on the reality of human flesh
in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
grant, we pray,
that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man,
may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.