

Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

John 1:14-16

- 14 And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
- 15 John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"
- 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace,

Genesis 3:8-19

- 8 When they heard the sound of the LORD God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
- 9 The LORD God then called to the man and asked him: Where are you?
- 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid."
- 11 Then God asked: Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat?
- 12 The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it."
- 13 The LORD God then asked the woman: What is this you have done? The woman answered, "The snake tricked me, so I ate it."
- 14 Then the LORD God said to the snake: Because you have done this, cursed are you among all the animals, tame or wild; on your belly you shall crawl, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
- 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; they will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel.
- 16 To the woman he said: I will intensify your toil in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Yet your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.
- 17 To the man he said: Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, You shall not eat from it, cursed is the ground because of you! In toil you shall eat its yield all the days of your life.
- 18 Thorns and thistles it shall bear for you, and you shall eat the grass of the field.
- 19 By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Judges 13:2-14

- 2 There was a certain man from Zorah, of the clan of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. His wife was barren and had borne no children.
- 3 An angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her: Though you are barren and have had no children, you will conceive and bear a son.

4 Now, then, be careful to drink no wine or beer and to eat nothing unclean,
5 for you will conceive and bear a son. No razor shall touch his head, for the boy is to be a nazirite for God from the womb. It is he who will begin to save Israel from the power of the Philistines.

6 The woman went and told her husband, "A man of God came to me; he had the appearance of an angel of God, fearsome indeed. I did not ask him where he came from, nor did he tell me his name.

7 But he said to me, 'You will conceive and bear a son. So drink no wine or beer, and eat nothing unclean. For the boy shall be a nazirite for God from the womb, until the day of his death.'"

8 Manoah then prayed to the LORD. "Please, my Lord," he said, "may the man of God whom you sent return to us to teach us what to do for the boy who is to be born."

9 God heard the prayer of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she was sitting in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her.

10 The woman ran quickly and told her husband. "The man who came to me the other day has appeared to me," she said to him;

11 so Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he reached the man, he said to him, "Are you the one who spoke to my wife?" I am, he answered.

12 Then Manoah asked, "Now, when what you say comes true, what rules must the boy follow? What must he do?"

13 The angel of the LORD answered Manoah: Your wife must be careful about all the things of which I spoke to her.

14 She must not eat anything that comes from the vine, she must not drink wine or beer, and she must not eat anything unclean. Let her observe all that I have commanded her.

Zechariah 4:1-7

1 Then the angel who spoke with me returned and aroused me, like one awakened from sleep.

2 He said to me, "What do you see?" I replied, "I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on top of it. There are seven lamps on it, with seven spouts on each of the lamps that are on top of it.

3 And beside it are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and one to its left."

4 Then I said to the angel who spoke with me, "What are these things, my lord?"

5 And the angel who spoke with me replied, "Do you not know what these things are?" I said, "No, my lord."

6 Then he said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, and not by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts.

7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you become a plain. He will bring forth the first stone amid shouts of 'Favor, favor be upon it!'"

Isaiah 64:1-7

- 1 As when brushwood is set ablaze, or fire makes the water boil! Then your name would be made known to your enemies and the nations would tremble before you,
- 2 While you worked awesome deeds we could not hope for,
- 3 such as had not been heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you working such deeds for those who wait for him.
- 4 Would that you might meet us doing right, that we might be mindful of you in our ways! Indeed, you are angry; we have sinned, we have acted wickedly.
- 5 We have all become like something unclean, all our just deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our crimes carry us away like the wind.
- 6 There are none who call upon your name, none who rouse themselves to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our crimes.
- 7 Yet, LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand.

1 John 3:1-10

- 1 See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
- 3 Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.
- 4 Everyone who commits sin commits lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness.
- 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.
- 6 No one who remains in him sins; no one who sins has seen him or known him.
- 7 Children, let no one deceive you. The person who acts in righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous.
- 8 Whoever sins belongs to the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the devil.
- 9 No one who is begotten by God commits sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot sin because he is begotten by God.
- 10 In this way, the children of God and the children of the devil are made plain; no one who fails to act in righteousness belongs to God, nor anyone who does not love his brother.

Hebrews 6:13-20

- 13 When God made the promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, "he swore by himself,"
- 14 and said, "I will indeed bless you and multiply" you.
- 15 And so, after patient waiting, he obtained the promise.
- 16 Human beings swear by someone greater than themselves; for them an oath serves as a guarantee and puts an end to all argument.

17 So when God wanted to give the heirs of his promise an even clearer demonstration of
the immutability of his purpose, he intervened with an oath,
18 so that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we who have
taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to hold fast to the hope that lies before us.
19 This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior
behind the veil,
20 where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner, becoming high priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.

Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called
Nazareth,
27 to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's
name was Mary.
28 And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."
29 But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this
might be.
30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
31 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.
32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him
the throne of David his father,
33 and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no
end."
34 But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"
35 And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of
the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the
Son of God.
36 And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is
the sixth month for her who was called barren;
37 for nothing will be impossible for God."
38 Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to
your word." Then the angel departed from her.