

The Word of God



Canticle 3

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Antiphon

He that is might-y hath mag - ni - fied me: and ho - ly is his Name.

1. My soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord, and my spi - rit hath rejoiced in God my Sav - ior. 2. For he hath re - gard - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid - en. 3. For be - hold from hence - forth all gen - er - a - tions shall call me bless - ed. 4. For he that is might - y hath mag - ni - fied me, and ho - ly is his Name.

5. And his mer - cy is on them that fear him through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

6. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scat - tered the

proud in the imagi - na - tion of their hearts. 7. He hath put
 down the might - y from their seat, and hath ex - alt - ed the
 hum - ble and meek. 8. He hath filled the hun - gry with good things,
 and the rich he hath sent emp - ty a - way. 9. He re -
 mem - ber - ing his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el,
 as he prom - ised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ev - er. [Ant.]

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:4-10

It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

(Please open. The Hymnal 1982 #470)

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

Gospel Reading

Presider: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

People: **Glory to You Lord Christ.**

Luke 1:26-38

AIN the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "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 holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Presider: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to You Lord Christ.**

*In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for **The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.***

*In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for **St. Raphael in the Valley Episcopal-Lutheran Congregation, Benson***