

## **Readings: The Annunciation of the Lord**

### **First Reading: Is 7:10-14; 8:10**

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:  
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;  
let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky!  
But Ahaz answered,  
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"  
Then Isaiah said:  
Listen, O house of David!  
Is it not enough for you to weary people,  
must you also weary my God?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us!"

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### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11**

**R./ Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Sacrifice or oblation you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, "Behold I come."

**R./ Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,  
To do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
and your law is within my heart!"

**R./ Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

**R./ Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Your justice I kept not hid within my heart;  
your faithfulness and your salvation I have spoken of;  
I have made no secret of your kindness and your truth  
in the vast assembly.

**R./ Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

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## Second Reading: Heb 10:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats  
take away sins.

For this reason, when Christ came into the world, he said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;  
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.  
Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,  
behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings,  
holocausts and sin offerings,  
you neither desired nor delighted in."  
These are offered according to the law.  
Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will."  
He takes away the first to establish the second.  
By this "will," we have been consecrated  
through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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## Gospel Reading: Lk 1:26-38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth. He was sent to a young virgin who was betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the family of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

The angel came to her and said, "Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you." Mary was troubled at these words, wondering what this greeting could mean.

But the angel said, "Do not fear, Mary, for God has looked kindly on you. You shall conceive and bear a son and you shall call him Jesus. He will be great and shall rightly be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the kingdom of David, his ancestor; he will rule over the people of Jacob forever and his reign shall have no end."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be if I am a virgin?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the holy child to be born shall be called Son of God. Even your relative Elizabeth is expecting a son in her old age, although she was unable to have a child, and she is now in her sixth month. With God nothing is impossible."

Then Mary said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said." And the angel left her.

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