

**Feast of the Annunciation****Liturgy of the Word - Primary*****Mary – Faithful Servant of God*****Preparation**

*Set up a sacred prayer space using various shades of blue fabric. Place in the sacred space the Word of God opened at the text below and a large candle next to the Word of God. A large picture or a statue of Mary could be placed in the sacred space.*

**WE GATHER****Welcome & Introduction**

Leader: Today we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation.  
This feast is about how Mary was visited by an angel  
and received a special message from God.

Mary was a faithful servant to God and knew God was always with her.  
She shows us how to always hope in God and trust that we are doing God's will.

Let us stand and join in singing our entrance song.

**Gathering Hymn**

**We Walk with Mary** – (Andrew Chinn – In Joyful Hope) **OR**  
**Mary Our Mother** (John Burland – Let's Celebrate)

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray ... *(pause)* ...

Loving God, you chose Mary to be the mother of your son, Jesus.  
May we always hope in you and listen with our hearts and minds to your voice  
so that we may also be faithful servants of yours.

Help us to be more like Mary, trusting and faithful.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**All: Amen.**

**WE LISTEN**

**Gospel** Luke 1: 26-38



## WE RESPOND

### Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: We bring our prayers to you O God, in hope and trust.

Reader: For our Church leaders ...  
that, just like Mary, they be models of faith and be guided by the Spirit  
to act with justice and compassion. *(pause)* Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader: For the leaders of our nation ...  
that they may be faith filled people ready to make fair and just decisions  
that include and welcome all. *(pause)* Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader: For our school and parish community ...  
that we may be inspired by the faith of Mary ready to live lives of hope and trust.  
*(pause)* Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for ourselves ...  
that we may grow in faith and trust and always believe that God is near.  
*(pause)* Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those who are sick ...  
that we may be guided by the Spirit to bring them loving comfort and care.  
*(pause)* Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving God, graciously hear our prayers and bring us joy and peace.

**All: Amen.**



## WE GO

### Closing Prayer

Leader: Gracious God,  
through the example of Mary,  
may we learn how to be your hope-filled and faithful servants.

Give us the strength we need to live generous lives  
always seeking to be beacons of hope to others.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

### Blessing & Dismissal

Leader: Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing ...

May we be filled with the Spirit of faith, just like Mary.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May we be filled with the Spirit of hope, just like Mary.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May we be filled with the Spirit of acceptance, just like Mary.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Recessional hymn

**A Faithful Heart** (Jen Charadia – Renew Our Hearts) **OR**  
**Happy are You** (Monica Brown – A Special Collection)