

Tuesday 22nd December

Tuesday, Week 4

Silence before the Mystery

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
*R: Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
*R: Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
*R: Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Read this verse – Psalm 96:12-13 [or the Gospel of the day: Luke 1: 46-56]

let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

After a short meditation, say this prayer:

O JESUS, help me to live in day-to-day fidelity to mysteries I do not fully understand, to wait in hope, waiting for the mystery to unfold, going on doing ordinary things but all the time listening, learning, pondering, growing and energetically serving—to be silent before the mystery. Amen. (Maria Boulding, OSB)