



HOMILY by Father Robbie Low

The Annunciation of the Lord

Today

Readings: *Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8-10, Ps 39, Hebrews 10: 4-10, Luke 1: 26-38*

Today the reversal of Eden begins.

Today the Church allows us to follow our deepest instincts and kneel in the Creed at the declaration of the Incarnation.

Today we rejoice that, in the obedience of Our Lady, despite the rebellion of Eve, the mother of all who will, in consequence, die, we can become the children of Mary, the Mother of all who will live forever, the little brothers and sisters of Jesus, sons and daughters of the living God, destined for eternity.

Today we celebrate the moment when, in full acceptance of the will of God, Mary becomes the portal of salvation, the gateway of redemption. In her Virgin womb is welcomed the mystery of the divine life robed in our humanity and ready to lead us though mortality to glory and the defeat of death and Hell.

Here the new Ark of the Covenant bears the living Word, the Second Person of the Trinity, through whom all things have come into being and through whom alone all things can be restored.

Today we, with Mary, offers ourselves as slaves of God Most High that His will may be fulfilled in us and that we may, in our time, bear Christ into the world.

Today we celebrate the Incarnation of the God-Man, Jesus Christ. If He is not Man, He could not represent us. If He is not God, He cannot redeem us.

Without Mary's 'Yes', He would not force His love upon the world.

Without our 'Yes', who will yet know of God's love in Christ in this generation?

Today, with Our Lady high on our hearts, let us re-dedicate ourselves to her beloved Son and present Him to the world He loves and longs to save in all that we say and do and are.

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