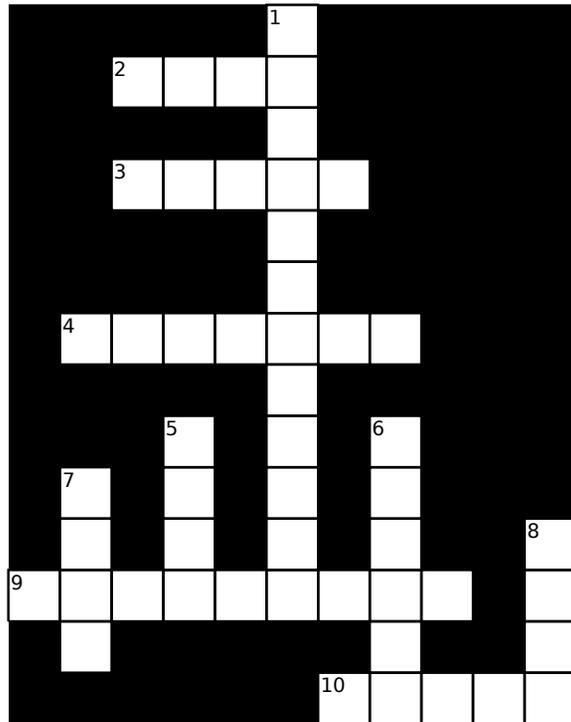


CROSSWORD



Across

- 2 Gabriel is also the angel who announces the coming birth of _____ the Baptist.
3 Gabriel told Mary she would have a son and should name Him _____.
4 The name of the angel that visited Mary.
9 Gabriel is an _____ who serves as a messenger of God.
10 The color for the Annunciation of Our Lord is _____.

Down

- 1 Today we celebrate the _____ of our Lord.
5 Gabriel tells Mary that Jesus will be called the Son of the Most _____.
6 Mary was betrothed to a man whose name was _____.
7 Mary responded to Gabriel, "let it be to me according to your _____."
8 Today's reading is from the Gospel of _____.

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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD (MARCH 25)

The color for the Annunciation of Our Lord is white.



What to listen for during the service?

Today we hear about the angel Gabriel telling Mary that she will have a son and she should name him Jesus. Listen for the name Jesus throughout the service. How many times do you hear His name?

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 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 father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What does "betrothed" mean?
- 2) Who is Gabriel? What does Gabriel tell Mary?
- 3) What does the angel tell Mary to name her son?
- 4) What does Jesus mean? What will Jesus do for us? What will happen to Jesus when he is older? (See Matthew 1:21)
- 5) How did Mary answer to Gabriel?

People of the Bible: Gabriel

In the Gospel reading today, we hear about the angel Gabriel. But who is Gabriel? Gabriel is an archangel who serves as a messenger of God. He is the angel who announces the coming birth of Jesus, as we read in today's Gospel, and he is also the angel who announces the coming birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah earlier in this chapter. We also read about Gabriel in the Book of Daniel. Gabriel is a servant of God who brings God's grace to His people.

HYMN – "The Only Son from Heaven"

- 1 The only Son from heaven,
Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given,
In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.
- 2 O time of God appointed,
O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the king anointed,
The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.
- 3 O Lord, our hearts awaken
To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken,
In spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving,
Each glimpse of heaven proving
May reap its fullness there.
- 4 O Father, here before You
With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You,
O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessed Trinity!"