



GREGORIAN CHANT



ECCE FIAT

THE ANNUNCIATION



MONASTIC CHOIR OF OUR
LADY OF CLEAR CREEK ABBEY



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De Maria numquam satis. “Of Mary, there is never enough.” Such was the opinion of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux in his day. Such is our own at Clear Creek several centuries later. On May 22-23 of this year of Our Lord 2012 we recorded our first CD of Gregorian chant with the help of Chapman Recording and Mastering. The theme of these recordings was the Annunciation, the encounter of the Virgin of Nazareth with the Archangel Gabriel, as recorded in Saint Luke’s Gospel (Chapter 1). This is the mystery under which our monastery was founded. What a joy it was to sing the praises of Our Lady in our own (partially completed) abbatial church. The Oklahoma heat was beginning to make itself felt, as did the wind on the second day of the session—while a mockingbird kept up its relentless vocal scales from a nearby tree. But all of these were the providential circumstances that helped create the musical reality of the day. We hope you will be pleased with the timeless music, including the last peace—not particularly related to the feast of the Annunciation—which we included as Mary’s own prayer (we hope) for our monastic house: *Pax æterna ab Æterno huic domui*. . . Eternal peace from the Eternal Father be unto this house.

1. SEQUENCE: MITTIT AD VIRGINEM

Mittit ad virginem non quemvis
Angelum sed fortitudinem suum
archangelum amator hominis.

Fortem expediat pro nobis nuntium,
naturæ faciat ut præjudicium in
partu virginis.

Naturam superet natus Rex gloriæ:
regnet et imperet et zyma scoriæ
tollat de medio.

Superbientium terat fastigia, colla
sublimium calcans vi propria, po-
tens in proelio.

Foras ejiciat mundanum principem,
matrumque faciat secum partici-
pem patris imperii.

Exi qui mitteris, hæc dona discere
revela veteris velamen litteræ, vir-
tute nuntii.

God, the lover of man, sends forth
to the virgin not just any Angel but
His Archangel called Strength.

Yes, let Him send out a herald for us,
to make an exception to nature's
course in a Virgin's bearing a child.

May the King of glory, in His birth,
triumph over nature; may He
reign and command; may He take away
the dross of sin.

Let Him, the Mighty One in bat-
tle, knock down the heights of
the proud, trampling the necks of the
haughty with His own power.

May He cast forth the prince of
this world; and make His Mother
share with Him the empire which His
Father has given to Him.

Go forth, you who are being sent,
and present these benefits, and
take away the veil of the old letter, by
means of this announcement.

Accede nuntia dic Ave cominus, dic
plena gratia dic tecum Dominus et
dic ne timeas.

Virgo suscipias Dei depositum, in
quo perficias castum propositum,
et votum teneas.

Audit et suscipit puella nuntium;
accredit et concipit, et parit filium,
sed admirabilem.

Consiliarium humani generis et
Deum fortium et patrem posteris
in pace stabilem.

Sic nobis oritur lumen de lumine: sic
homo nascitur factus ex virgine, In-
dultor scelerum.

Qui nobis tribuat peccati veniam
reatus delet et donet patriam in
arce siderum. Amen.

Come close and make thy announce-
ment. Say "Ave" in her ear; call her
"full of grace"; say "The Lord is with
thee," say finally, "Fear not."

O Virgin, consent to receive this
Obabe entrusted to thee by God: in
Him thou wilt both carry out thy in-
tention to remain chaste, and keep thy
vow.

Thus the Virgin listens to the herald,
and consents, she believes and con-
ceives, and brings forth a Son, He who
is called Wonderful.

The Counselor of the human race,
the Mighty God, and the Father of
those to come, unshakable in His peace.

Thus arose for us the Light from
Light: thus a man was born from a
virgin, the Forgiver of sins.

May He grant us pardon of our sin,
blot out guilt, and bring us to
our homeland in the heights of heaven.
Amen.

MASS OF THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

2. INTROIT: VULTUM TUUM (PS. 44:13-16)

Vultum tuum deprecabuntur omnes divites plebis: adducentur Regi Virgines post eam: proximæ ejus adducentur tibi in lætitia et exsultatione. Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego opera mea Regi. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

All the rich among the people seek Your face. Behind her the virgins of her train are brought to the King. They are borne in to You with gladness and joy. My heart overflows with a goodly theme; as I sing my ode to the King. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

3. GRADUAL: DIFFUSA EST (PS. 44:3,5)

Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis; propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum. Propter veritatem, et mansuetudinem, et justitiam; et deducet te mirabiliter dextera tua.

Grace is poured out upon your lips; thus God has blessed you forever. In the cause of truth and mercy and for the sake of justice: may your right hand show you wondrous deeds.

4. ALLELUIA: AVE MARIA

Alleluia, Alleluia. Ave, Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

5. OFFERTORY: AVE MARIA

Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui.

Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

6. COMMUNION ANTIPHON: ECCE VIRGO (IS. 7:14)

Ecce virgo concipiet, et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel.

Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

VESPERS OF THE ANNUNCIATION

7. DEUS IN ADJUTORIUM

Deus in adjutorium meum intende. Domine ad adjuvandum me festina. Gloria Patri.

O God, come to my assistance. O Lord make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father.

8. ANTIPHON: MISSUS EST

Missus est Gabriel Angelus ad Mariam Virginem desponsatam Joseph.

The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary, a virgin espoused to Joseph.

9. ANTIPHON: AVE MARIA

Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus.

Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: Blessed art thou among women.

10. ANTIPHON: NE TIMEAS MARIA

Ne timeas, Maria: invenisti gratiam apud Dominum: ecce concipies et paries filium.

Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with the Lord: behold thou shalt conceive and bring forth a son.

11. ANTIPHON: DABIT EI DOMINUS

Dabit ei Dominus sedem David patris ejus, et regnabit in æternum.

The Lord shall give unto Him the throne of His father David, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

12. ANTIPHON: ECCE ANCILLA DOMINI, WITH PSALMODY

Ecce ancilla Domini: fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done unto me according to thy word.

13. PROLIX RESPONSORY: GAUDE MARIA

Gaude Maria Virgo, cunctas hæreses sola interemisti, quæ Gabrielis Archangeli dictis credidisti: * Dum Virgo Deum et hominem genuisti, et post partum Virgo inviolata permansisti. **℣.** Gabrielem Archangelum scimus divinitus te esse affatum: uterum tuum de Spiritu Sancto credimus impregnatum: erubescat Judæus infelix, qui dicit Christum ex Joseph semine esse natum. * Dum Virgo . . . **℣.** Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. * Dum Virgo. . .

Rejoice Virgin Mary, thou alone hast crushed all heresies, thou who didst believe the words of the Archangel Gabriel. * Whilst being a Virgin thou didst beget both God and Man, and after childbirth didst remain a Virgin inviolate. **℣.** We know that the Archangel Gabriel spoke to thee heavenly words, we believe that thy womb was filled by the Holy Ghost: let him blush with shame who says that Christ was born of Joseph's seed. * Whilst being a Virgin . . . **℣.** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. * Whilst being a Virgin.

14. HYMN: AVE MARIS STELLA

Ave maris stella, Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper Virgo, felix cæli por-
ta.

Sumens illud Ave Gabrielis ore, fun-
da nos in pace, mutans Hevæ no-
men.

Solve vincula reis, profer lumen cæ-
cis, mala nostra pelle, bona cuncta
posce.

Monstra te esse matrem, sumat per
te preces, qui pro nobis natus, tu-
lit esse tuus.

Virgo singularis, inter omnes mitis,
nos culpis solutos, mites fac et cas-
tos.

Vitam præsta puram, iter para tu-
tum, ut videntes Jesum, semper
collætetur.

Sit laus Deo Patri, summo Christo
decus, Spiritui Sancto, tribus honor
unus. Amen.

Hail, O star of the ocean, God's own
Mother blest, ever sinless Virgin,
gate of heavenly rest.

Receiving that sweet Ave, which
from Gabriel came, peace confirm
within us, changing Eva's name.

Break the sinners' fetters, make our
blindness day, chase all evils from
us, for all blessings pray.

Show thyself a Mother, may the Word
divine, born for us thine Infant hear
our prayers through thine.

Virgin all excelling, mildest of the
mild, free from guilt preserve us,
meek and undefiled.

Keep our life all spotless, make our
way secure, till we find in Jesus, joy
for evermore.

Praise to God the Father, honor to
the Son, in the Holy Ghost, be the
glory one. Amen.

15. MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON, 1ST VESPERS

Spiritus Sanctus in te descendet, Maria: et virtus Altissimi obumbrabit tibi.

The Holy Ghost shall come down upon thee, Mary, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee.

16. BENEDICTUS ANTIPHON, LAUDS

Quomodo fiet istud, Angele Dei, quoniam virum non cognosco? Audi Maria Virgo: Spiritus Sanctus supervenient in te, et virtus Altissimi obumbrabit tibi.

How shall this be done, because I know not man? Hear O Virgin Mary: the Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee.

17. SHORT RESPONSORY: ANGELUS DOMINI

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

18. VERSICLE AND RESPONSORY

℣. Ave Maria, gratia plena.

℟. Dominus tecum.

℣. Hail Mary, full of grace.

℟. The Lord is with thee.

19. MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON OF 2ND VESPERS

Gabriel Angelus locutus est Mariæ
dicens: Ave, gratia plena, Dominus
tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus.

The Angel Gabriel spoke unto
Mary and said: Hail, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou
among women.

20. COLLECT OF THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ Virginis
utero Verbum Tuum, Angelo nun-
tiantie, carnem suscipere voluisti: præ-
sta supplicibus tuis; ut, qui vere eam
genitricem Dei credimus, ejus apud te
intercessionibus adjuvemur. Per eum-
dem Dominum.

O God, who didst will that Thy Word
should take flesh, at the message
of an Angel, in the womb of the Bless-
ed Virgin Mary, grant to Thy suppliant
people, that we who believe her to be
truly the Mother of God, may be helped
by her intercession with Thee. Through
the same, our Lord Jesus Christ.

21. ANTIPHON OF COMPLINE: AVE REGINA CÆLORUM

Ave, Regina cælorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, Radix, salve, Porta,
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

Queen of the heavens, we hail thee,
Hail thee, Lady of all the Angels;
Thou the dawn, the door of morning
Whence the world's true light risen:

Joy to thee, O Virgin glorious,
Beautiful beyond all other;
Hail and farewell, O most gracious,
Intercede for us always to Jesus.

22. HYMN: SALUTATIO SANCTÆ MARIÆ ADAPTATION OF THE AKATHIST HYMN

Ave sponsa in sponsata!

Ave per quam orbis lapsi facta est
erectio. Ave per quam occumben-
tis est Adæ resurrectio. Ave per quam
primæ matris est Evæ redemptio.
Sancta Maria ora pro nobis.

Altitudo cogitandi tu inaccessibilis.
Invisibile profundum angelorum
oculis. Ave Maria plena Dei mater vir-
go. Sancta Dei genitrix ora pro nobis.

Omnia portantem portans solum
imperii. Tu stella demonstrans
solem sol diei mystici. Occidentis as-
trum mundi luminis conspicui Sancta
virgo virginum ora pro nobis.

Hail Spuse unspoused!

Hail, Thou through whom the de-
liverance of the fallen world was
brought about. Hail, thou by whom the
raising of fallen Adam took place. Hail
thou through whom came to pass the
redemption of the first Eve. Holy Mary,
pray for us.

Thou art far beyond our thoughts,
at depths impenetrable, even to
the Angels' eyes: Hail, O Full of Grace,
Virgin Mother of God. Holy Mother of
God, pray for us.

Thou bearest Him who bears the
universe. Thou art His royal
throne, the star pointing out the Sun
of the mystical day; the evening star
gleaming resplendent with light. Holy
Virgin of virgins, pray for us.

23. ANGELUS PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE BELLS OF CLEAR CREEK ABBEY

℣. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

℟. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Ave Maria...

℣. Ecce ancilla Domini.

℟. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave Maria...

℣. Et Verbum caro factum est.

℟. Et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria...

℣. Ora pro nobis, Sancta Dei Genitrix.

℟. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

Gratiam tuam, quæsumus Domine, mentibus nostris infunde, ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per Passionem ejus et Crucem ad Resurrectionis gloriam

℣. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

℟. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary...

℣. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

℟. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

℣. And the Word was made flesh.

℟. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℟. 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 we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his

perducamur. Per eundem Christum
Dominum nostrum. Amen.

passion and cross, be brought to the
glory of His resurrection. Through the
same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

24. PAX ÆTERNA: ETERNAL PEACE

Pax æterna ab Æterno huic domui.

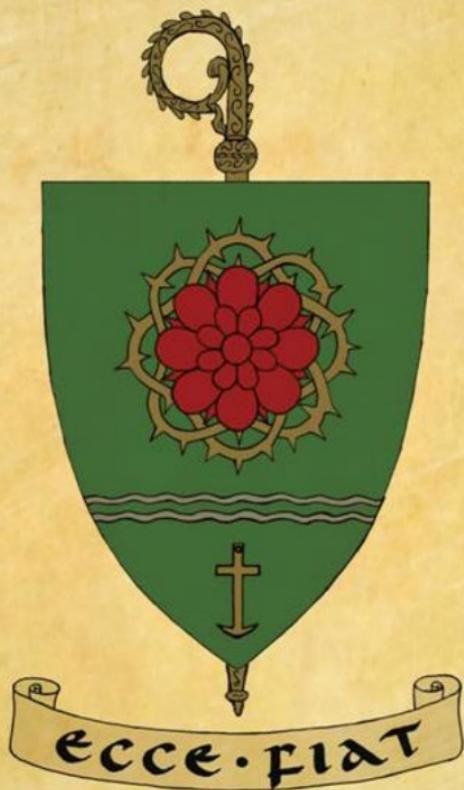
Eternal peace from the Eternal Fa-
ther be unto this house.

Pax perennis, Verbum Patris, sit pax
huic domui.

Perennial peace, the Word of the Fa-
ther, be the peace of this house.

Pacem pius consolator huic præstet
domui.

May the Holy Comforter grant
peace to this house.



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