

The Annunciation to Mary

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, from the house of David,
and the name of the virgin was Mary.

The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

But the angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

You will conceive and give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,

and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David,

and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever,

and his kingdom will never end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have not known a man?"

The angel said to 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 holy and he will be called the Son of God."

Even now your cousin Elizabeth in her old age is going to have a son,

and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren,

for nothing is impossible with God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord."

"May it be with me according to your word."

Then the angel left her.