



## *The Annunciation - 'Hail, Mary, Full of Grace'*

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God delivers this greeting to Mary through the archangel Gabriel (see the Gospel of Luke 1:28,42). Mary is full of grace because the Lord is with her (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2673-). Mary gave her consent in faith, becoming Mother of God through her unique cooperation with the working of the Holy Spirit. Mary is our model in faith in her assent, 'Let it be with to me according to your word (Luke 1:38).

## The Hail Mary

**H**ail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
**R** Amen.