

1:26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

1:27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

1:28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

1:29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

1:30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

1:31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.

1:32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

1:33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

1:34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

1:36 "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

1:37 "For with God nothing will be impossible."

1:38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

1:39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah,

1:40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

1:41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

1:42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

1:43 "But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

1:44 "For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

1:45 "Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

1:46 And Mary said:"My soul magnifies the Lord,

1:47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

1:48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

1:49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me,And holy is His name.

1:50 And His mercy is on those who fear HimFrom generation to generation.

1:51 He has shown strength with His arm;He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

1:52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones,And exalted the lowly.

1:53 He has filled the hungry with good things,And the rich He has sent away empty.

1:54 He has helped His servant Israel,In remembrance of His mercy,

1:55 As He spoke to our fathers,To Abraham and to his seed forever."

From today's sermon.

Why do we feel so excited at Christmas time? Is it because of the memories of presents wrapped in wrapping paper when we were children?

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus. The main character is Jesus. And Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, who was born to die on the cross.

It is the day when God's great gift is offered, and that is Jesus' birthday.

Congratulations, blessed woman, the Lord is with you.

Fear not, Mary, for you have received grace from God.

There is nothing that God cannot do.

"Blessed is the woman who has believed that what the Lord has spoken will come to pass.

My soul exults in the Lord, and my spirit exults in God my Savior,

"My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit praises God my Savior.

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me.

The Lord has not forgotten his mercy, but has helped his servant Israel, just as he promised to have mercy on them forever."

These are the overflowing blessings of Christmas.

God is watching us. He tells us not to be afraid and that He will give us grace. There is nothing God cannot do. It will be done. It is time for the Mighty One to do great things for me.

Good morning everyone.

Yesterday and the day before yesterday, the high temperature rose to nearly 20 degrees Celsius. Warm days are very welcome. However, please take care of yourselves, as the

difference in temperature can easily tire you out. It looks like the warm weather will continue throughout this week. Flu and colds are prevalent, so please be careful.

We are now in the second week of Advent, the season of waiting for the Nativity of the Lord. Today we are looking at the scene of the Annunciation to Mary.

Christmas is a joyous time for us. But why is Christmas joyful for us?

Because the whole town is festive, because we get presents, because we have Christmas and New Year's vacations...but why is Christmas joyful for us? Christmas is the birthday of Jesus. The main character of the birthday should be the person who was born, but today's Christmas seems to be a festival without Jesus' birth.

Christmas is Jesus' birthday, and the main character of Christmas should be Jesus. The fact that Jesus was born into the world and the reason why He was born as a man is that He was born to be crucified for us, to die on the cross.

He loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son.

That no one who believes in his only begotten Son should perish, but have everlasting life."

These are the words of the Bible, called the Bible within the Bible. It is the kind of word that sums up the Bible in a nutshell.

God is a giver.

God is the One who loves. What God gave was His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Throughout the ages, people have offered sacrifices and offerings before great beings for their own protection and well-being, knowing that their actions are not right. How many offerings have been made in the world to this day with prayers to God! Some religions even offered their own children into the fire to pray. This is called human sacrifice.

But Christianity, or rather the Christian God, is a giver. God Himself, the Almighty God who does not need help from anyone, sacrificed His beloved Son on the cross for the sake of us, human beings whom He created. Jesus was born. His Son Jesus was born on Christmas Day. The inn was full of people, and on a manger in a stable, the only begotten Son of Almighty God was born. And Jesus, who helped people and gave miracles and healings, was executed on a cross outside the town. Here is love.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

So that no one who believes in him may perish, but may have eternal life."

So we celebrate Christmas.

Let us savor God's powerful words of comfort for Christmas from today's Bible verses.

1:26 In the sixth month Gabriel, the angel, was sent by God to a virgin in the city of Nazareth in Galilee.

1:27 And this virgin was sired by a man named Joseph, of the house of David, whose name was Mary.

1:28 And the angel came to her and said, "Blessed woman, congratulations, the Lord is with you!"

The word of the Christmas blessing, that is, "Congratulations, blessed one, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you, for the Lord is with you.

How blessed are we to be celebrated? How blessed we are that the Lord looks at us and gives us loving and gracious attention. It is the grace of Christmas for us that makes us aware of this grace.

How aware are we of this in our daily lives? Congratulations, blessed one. The Lord is with you. What warm and powerful words.

We often feel anxious about the ideal and the reality of our faith, even though we believe in it. We may feel anxious about why we believe, or disheartened that there is nothing to help us in such a difficult situation. The words, "Blessed woman, congratulations, the Lord is with you," are words of blessing, but in the midst of difficulty and hardship, we sometimes fail to take them at face value.

1:29 At these words Mary was terribly disturbed, and she pondered what this greeting was about.

There are times when the supposed guidance of God's grace does not seem like something desirable to you, and you are in a turmoil, pondering, pondering, and falling into trouble, but there is no solution.

1:30 Then the angel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have received grace from God.

The word that speaks to us here is "do not be afraid. Yes, we can be really, really, really easily trapped in fear. We are afraid, we are terrified, we are anxious, we are disturbed in our thoughts and worries, and we even have a heart attack. And yet, God sends an angel to tell us, "Do not be afraid, Mary. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have received grace from God."

For us, it is only grace. Congratulations, blessed one, God is with you. Fear not, for you have received grace from God." Blessed are those who can truly and always take these words at face value.

Romans 8:28 For we know that God works with those who love him, those who are called according to his purpose, to make all things work together for good.

1:35 The angel answered and said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you. 1:35 And the Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of the Most High will cover thee: therefore the child that is born will be holy, and will be called the Son of God.

1:36 Your relative Elisabeth is also pregnant, though she is old. She was said to be barren, but now she is six months old.

1:37 There is nothing that God cannot do.

The next word of grace is, "Nothing is impossible with God.

We assume, out of fear, that we are not under grace and that God is not with us. But the Bible says the opposite of both, and the truth is, "Blessed woman, congratulations, the Lord is with you.

Another assumption we have is that even if God were God, He could not do everything.

I thought that if this situation, this problem, this trial, this illness, this human relationship, all these things have become so complicated and so much time has passed, it would be difficult even for God to do it.

But the Word of God says, "God can do anything.

There is nothing that God cannot do."

We, too, wish to take this Word seriously. I have received from God special patronage and grace for His children. And God is always with us. And there is nothing that God cannot do. If that is so, then why do we always feel pain in our hearts, trouble in our chests, and fret over this or that? Is it possible to be perplexed? If God blesses us and loves us with congratulations and is always with us and protects us, then yes, I believe in eternal blessing and protection. I think we can say, "I will not let my heart be troubled, nor my chest ache, but I will follow him with all my heart and trust in him.

1:38 Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's handmaid. May it be done to me according to your word.

The words of this verse 38 mean, "Look at me, this female slave of the Lord, that I may become as you have said. I am here, please look at me. You are looking at me. Please do as You will, Your Highest and Best. It is a confession that I know it is my highest happiness.

1:44 See! When the voice of your greeting came into my ears, the child was in the womb and was dancing for joy.

1:45 How blessed is the woman who believes that what the Lord has spoken will be fulfilled!

1:46 And Mary said, "Praise the Lord, my soul; for I have found favor with him,

1:47 And my spirit will praise God my Savior.

1:48 He hath taken even this lowly woman into his heart. From now on, and from generation to generation, they will call me a wretched woman,

1:49 For he that is mighty has done great things to me. 1:49 For a mighty man hath done great things unto me: his name is good,

1:50 And his mercy endureth from generation to generation unto generation, to them that fear him.

The Lord created the world with his Word. Hebrews 11 says

11:3 By faith we realize that this world was made by the Word of God, and that therefore the things which are seen do not come from things which are manifest.

There is no one more powerful than the voice of God and His Word. It is this Word of God that we believe and live by. God is a big person with great love and the power to accomplish things.

How blessed is the woman who believes that what the Lord has spoken will come to pass," and "The Mighty One has done great things for me.

We, too, can live in this faith.

His mercy extends to all who fear him, from generation to generation.

1:54 The LORD has not forgotten his mercy, but has helped his servant Israel,

1:55 For as the LORD promised to have mercy on our fathers, on Abraham and on his seed, and on all his seed, even so he has done.

Clutching the Lord's promise to the utmost, trusting God without confusion in the midst of real life,

Trusting in His grace and His truthfulness that He is with us, believing that there is nothing that He cannot do, please look at me and let His Word become my body, what shall I fear? I do not fear reality, but only fear God, and I hope to go forward, clinging to the Lord's mercy with a leap of faith that the Mighty One has done great things for me.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. Blessed are you, blessed are you, the Lord is with you, do not be afraid, there is nothing that God cannot do, what the Lord has spoken will come to pass, blessed are those who believe, the Mighty One has done great things for me, the Lord will not forget His mercy, as He has promised to have mercy. Thank you for your joyful message. Please keep us and our families healthy in these cold days. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.