

Creative Integration of the Annunciation Story: Lectio Divina Exercise #2



Chartres Contemplative Pilgrimage, April 2008

Lectio Divina==

Begin with a silent one minute prayer.



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Enter the story with your imagination,
as if you are present in the scene that is being
described.



Imagine yourself as Gabriel, Mary,
or some other non-human witness that “is there”
while this is happening.



The Annunciation in Luke 1:26

...the angel Gabriel
was sent by God
to a town in Galilee
called Nazareth...

The Annunciation: Gabriel, North Porch, Chartres Cathedral

..to a virgin
engaged to a man
whose name was Joseph,
of the house of David.
The virgin's name was
Mary. And he came to
her and said, "Greetings,
favored one!
The Lord is with you."

The Annunciation:
West Porch, Mary Tympanum,
Chartres Cathedral



But she was
much
perplexed
by his words
and pondered
what sort
of greeting
this might be.

The Annunciation: West Wall,
Life of Christ Window, Chartres Cathedral





The Annunciation: Gabriel & Mary, North Porch, East Bay, Chartres Cathedral

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

The Annunciation: South Ambulatory, Otherwise Grisaille Window, Chartres Cathedral



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;
he will be called Son of God.
And now, your relative
Elizabeth in her old age has
also conceived
a son; and this is the sixth
month for her who was said
to be barren. For nothing will
be impossible with God.”

The Annunciation: Upper Central Eastern Window,
Chartres Cathedral



Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her. Luke 1:26-38

The Annunciation: South Ambulatory, Life of Mary Window, Chartres Cathedral



The Annunciation: Gabriel & Mary, North Porch, East Bay, Chartres Cathedral

...two minutes of silence...



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Listen for what The Divine is saying to YOU!



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Lectio Divina = In presence of The Holy,
Silently contemplate or meditate for 5 minutes.



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Conclude with a minute of silent gratitude for whatever you have received and/or experienced..



Is there anything we would like to share with one another?



Annunciation Details, Chartres Cathedral