

Lady Day 2025: Join Us, Join In!
25th March

Lady Day - the Feast of the Annunciation - has been a significant day of prayer, intercession and thanksgiving for Mothers' Union since 1897. It is a good occasion to invite your whole church to celebrate with you as you give thanks for MU work of transformation in families and communities. You may wish to display examples of MU projects and initiatives at a local, national and international level, and information on how to become involved in Mothers' Union. This is a great opportunity to encourage others to Join Us, Join In! as MU. You may also wish to provide refreshments after the service.

The Lady Day services on the MU website could be used or adapted using some of the material below.

Faithful God,
you chose Mary, full of grace,
to be the mother of our Sovereign and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Now fill us with your grace, that with her,
we may understand your ways,
rejoice in your salvation,
and embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen
<https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>



Most High God, for you nothing is impossible.
Through a poor young woman in a small town
you gave birth to your realm of endless glory.
By your Holy Spirit, fill us with new life and hope
and overshadow us with your power and grace
so that we, like Mary, might be your servants,
bearing witness to the promise of your Word;
through Jesus Christ, who is coming to reign.
<https://www.pcusa.org/>



Our hearts praise you, O Lord,
our spirits rejoice in God our saviour,
for you have remembered us,
your humble servants.
Mighty God, we celebrate

the great things you have done for us—
your name is holy!
From one generation to another
you have shown mercy on those who honour you.
You have stretched out your mighty arm,
scattering the conceited,
confusing their schemes.
You bring down tyrants
and lift up the lowly;
you fill the hungry with good things,
but send the rich away empty.
You have kept your promises to us;
you have come to our help;
you will show your people your love for ever;
our hearts praise you, O Lord. Amen
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We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
Our souls magnify the Lord;
With our mouths we proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations
Our spirits rejoice in God our saviour.
We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
**His mercy is to those who fear him
from generation to generation.**
Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
**He has filled he hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**
You are our God and the Rock of our salvation.
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Gracious God, you have done so much for us
And we so little in return
You ask for humility
And we are often a proud people
You ask for willingness
And we are often a stubborn people
You ask for repentance
And we are often a deaf people
You ask for service
And we are often a busy people
Gracious God, you want the best for us
Teach us obedience
Grant us forgiveness
That we, like Mary
Might be your willing servants. Amen.
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When you come to us
with gentle whisper
or mighty wind,
and ask what seems impossible
to human minds,
as you did to Mary,
may our response
not be to hesitate,
make excuses
or run away,
but to echo instead
those trusting
and beautiful words,
“I am the Lord’s servant:
may your word be fulfilled in me”

For Mary’s faithfulness
and her life of service
we thank you, Lord.
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God, who are the Most High Lord of all,
you have a surprising preference
for people who are small and humble
and who expect everything from you.
You chose Mary, the unassuming virgin from Nazareth,
to become the mother of your Son Jesus.
Through your Holy Spirit
make us aware of the poverty of our hearts,
that we may be open to you and welcome you,
be ready, like Mary, to serve you and your plans,
and expect everything from you.
Come to us and give yourself to us
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
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For the faithfulness
of your servant Mary
we give you thanks.
For saints of every age
who, when called,
have simply obeyed –

whether shepherd or scholar,
faced by opposition or praise,
Asked to give
from their riches or poverty –
we give you thanks.

In your eyes all are blessed.
May we count ourselves
among that number,
willing to hear your call.
Our lives dedicated in service
to our Saviour and King. Amen