

You Have Found Favor With God

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4th Sunday of Advent



The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin.... “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you... Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.” (Luke 1:26, 28-30)

Angels surround us and accompany us through our daily joys and challenges. They are God’s priceless gift to us and remain by our side to fulfill God’s promise of guiding and caring for us. I have often wondered what my Angel’s name is, as it has yet to really surface in my prayer...yet!

Mary trusted in this messenger named Gabriel and opened herself up to receive God’s message and mission for her. Gabriel came with the voice of God to proclaim to Mary her calling—her vocation—giving assurance that she had found favor with God. I can’t say my vocational calling was this profound and clear, but I do know that God has called me to give birth to his message and goodness in my everyday life. As Meister Eckhart said, *“We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born.”*

Reflection:

*What is my Angel’s name—or—what name do I give my Angel?
In what ways do I show my gratitude and praise to my Angel?
How am I called to give birth to God in my little corner of the world?*

Prayer:

*Angel of God, my guardian, my dear, to whom God’s love commits thee here.
Every this day, be at my side to light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

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