

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION



For the first time on earth the words are spoken :
“The Holy Ghost shall come upon you.”
The holy maiden hears and believes.

At the very moment
she is chosen to be the Mother of the Lord,
she declares herself to be his servant.
The knowledge that she was chosen to this high vocation
wrought in Mary only an act of humility.

- from a sermon by Saint Ambrose of Milan