

SOUL BREAK

ΛΤ ST. JOHN'S ~ SANTA FE

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Aren't there annunciations
of one sort or another
in most lives?

Some unwillingly undertake great destinies,
enact them in sullen pride,
uncomprehending.

More often those moments
when roads of light and storm
open from darkness in a man or woman,
are turned away from
in dread, in a wave of weakness, in despair
and with relief.
Ordinary lives continue.

God does not smite them.
But the gates close, the pathway vanishes.

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CLOSING PRAYER

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When we are too busy to notice them,
angels may pass through the familiar room
sometimes with human voices, sometimes in silent love,
calling, promising, pointing the way.
O God, may we know and feel the presence of your
heavenly messengers, now and always.
Amen.

—*Stations of the Nativity, (alt)* p. 11

BLESSING

As Mary knew by the message of an angel that she would be the
mother of the Incarnate Son of God, give us grace to hear your
word and follow your call, whether it be to small or great work in
your service. Amen.

—*Stations of the Nativity*, p. 10



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