

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Year C

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Sing a new song unto the Lord,
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.*

1. God's people dance for joy,
oh come before the Lord
and play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep,
your Saviour now has come,
and he has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.
3. Glad my soul, for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds, the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives.



He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6. R) v.6

R. Great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his
name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord!
For he has done glorious deeds.
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
(R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk. 1:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
1:39-56

*Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of
my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord will be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly
handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will
call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things to me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for
those who fear him.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 3: 14-18
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence,
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem; Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.



