THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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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.

 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.

 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.

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

3: 14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 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The Lord has repealed your sentence, he has driven your enemies away.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.

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.

- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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.

He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

according to the promise he made to our ancestors of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (All bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

- Lift up your hands and offer to the Lord Lift up your hands and offer to your God All that your life may hold of joy and care Lift up your hands unto the Lord
- Lift up your eyes and see the works of God Lift up your eyes to the glory of the Lord See all the beauty He has spread for you Lift up your eyes unto the Lord
- Lift up your heart unto the heart of God Offer your love with His love to accord Eager is He to have this gift from you Lift up your heart unto the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMNS

No man can live as an island journeying through life alone Since we're most loved by a mother, Jesus gave us His own.

Refrain:

Be with us, Mary, along the way, Guide every step we take Lead us to Jesus your loving Son. Come with us Mary, come

- 2. When Jesus met rejection,
 Mary stood by the cross;
 How can a mother desert her Son?
 She'll also stand by us.
- Help us, O star of the ocean, Be with us in our strife, When we are faced with temptation, Tossed by the storms of life.

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 My soul proclaims the Lord my God, my spirit sings his praise! He looks on me, he lifts me up, and gladness fills my days.

 All nations now will share my joy, His gifts he has outpoured; His little one he has made great; I magnify the Lord.

 For those who love his holy name, His mercy will not die. His strong right arm puts down the proud And lifts the lowly high.

 He filled the hungry with good things, The rich he sends away. The promise made to Abraham is filled to endless day.

 Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat, praise God! praise God, praise God, praise God magnificat, praise God.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

- Mary most holy, from your hands falling are heaven's blessings. Hear us, now calling. Teach us to pray, and work for God's glory. Ave Maria, ave.
- Help us to witness Christ is still living, service to others cheerfully giving.
 Teach us to pray, and work for God's glory.
 Ave Maria, ave.
- Through joy and sorrow, each day's condition, ever, dear Mother, hear our petition.
 Teach us to pray and work for God's glory.
 Ave Maria, ave.

