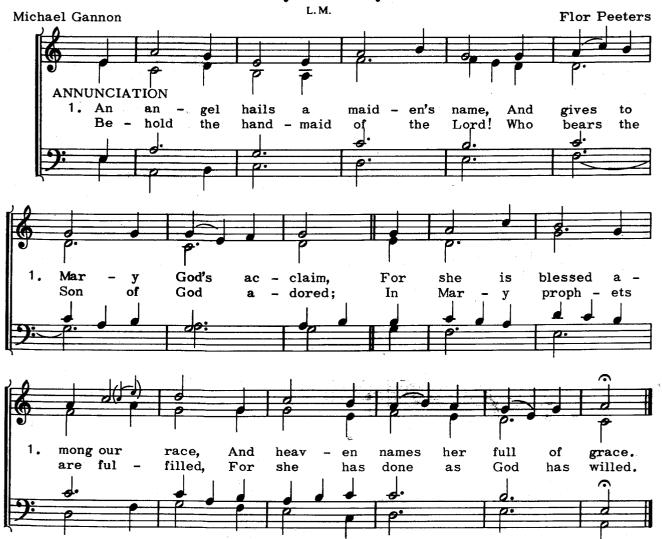
The Joyful Mysteries



VISITATION

2. We contemplate the joyful day, That Mary came the mountains' way, To greet her cousin blessed with child, For God and man were reconciled.

Our Lady magnifies the Lord, For in her womb our Hope is stored; And love does leap within our hearts To hear the joy her voice imparts.

NATIVITY

A Child is born in Bethlehem,
 Rejoice, rejoice, Jerusalem!
 He warms with love a frozen cave,
 And blesses those he comes to save.

In this, the Virgin's holy night, The angels fill the dark with light As heaven sends its joy to earth, In homage of the Infant's birth.

PRESENTATION

4. The presentation of Our Lord Brings old and new to great accord: Almighty God the Holy One, Is Mary's Child the new-born Son.

The prophets in the temple sing, That they behold the promised King, And Mary's eyes, with wonder, see Salvation clothed in infancy.

FINDING OF THE CHILD

5. What joy must fill the Virgin's breast To end the sorrow of her quest:
The Child is safe within the town,
Instructing doctors of renown.

But neither she nor Joseph knows How far the way of sorrow goes: For man's redemption has begun; The Father's business must be done.

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