

BLESSED VIRGIN
The Joyful Mysteries

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ANNUNCIATION

1. An an - gel hails a maid - en's name, And gives to
Be - hold the hand - maid of the Lord! Who bears the

1. Mar - y God's ac - claim, For she is blessed a -
Son of God a - dored; In Mar - y proph - ets

1. mong our race, And heav - en names her full of grace.
are ful - filled, For she has done as God has willed.

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

3. 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.