

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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who rules heaven and earth forever and ever.

**My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.**

My heart is inditing a good matter;

I speak of the things which I have made touching the king.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
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**as it was in the beginning, is now,
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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

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The Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Thy mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

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Soli Deo Gloria!

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