

Annunciation

How blessed was the angels' greeting, by which we came to salvation.

This greeting the angel Gabriel brought to Holy Mary, as faithful messenger, and so Emanuel became God and took human flesh.

For when Gabriel said "Hail Mary" to her, God was at once made man, in truth, and even though he has such great power, he was enclosed in the Virgin's womb.

And when the angel said "full of grace", he let us know God, whom we would not have been able to see before, but now we clearly beheld his face

And when he said "the Lord is with thee", then was she pregnant with He who to save his own gladly died at the hands of the Jews, to bring us out of the captivity of hell.

And when he said "blessed art thou among women", then did she conceive Christ Jesus, who was born when three kings came each one to give him a gift.

And when he said "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb", she showed us the way by which we could always gain God's forgiveness.