

The Visitation

2 July 2023 Anno Domini

INTROIT

(1 Sam. 2:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47)



My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.
My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted | in the LORD.*
My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your
sal- | vation.
There is none holy like the LORD; there is none be- | sides you; *
there is no rock | like our God.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
My soul magni* | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and forget not all his | benefits.
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgements, | he uttered.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his | courts with praise! *
Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

VERSE

(Luke 1:45)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Blessed is she | who believed*
that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her | from
the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-5

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Epistle: Romans 12:9-16

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill

country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.