



THE FIRST VISIT TO THE HOLY HOUSE

Enter through the Pilgrimage Entrance at the West end of the Shrine Church and gather in front of the Altar of the Annunciation. Please make sure that no public service is taking place in the Holy House or the Shrine Church before beginning the First Visit.

All proclaim together:

**Hail most holy Sanctuary of Our Lady of Walsingham!
I will go into the house of the Lord,
even to the God of my joy and gladness!**

READING: LUKE 1.26-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!' But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

And Mary said to the angel, 'How will this be, since I am a virgin?' And the angel answered her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' And Mary said, 'Behold I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

THE LITANY OF OUR LADY

All now move to the Holy House saying the Litany of Our Lady:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother unstained,

Mother most lovable,

Mother most wonderful,

Mother of good counsel,

Mother of the Creator,

Mother of the Saviour,

Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most worshipful,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most mighty,
Virgin most clement,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of righteousness,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of gladness,
Vessel of the Spirit,
Vessel of honour,
Vessel of devotion wondrous,
Mystic Rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of Ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning Star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Consoler of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without stain,
Queen taken up to heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of families,
Queen of peace,
Our Lady of Walsingham,

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

Grant us Lord, we pray, the joy of continued health of mind and body:
 and through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever virgin,
 free us of this present sadness and fill us with eternal joy.
 Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM OF OUR LADY

On entering the Holy House all may sing or say one of the following:

Alma Redemptoris Mater (Advent to Candlemas)

**Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
 Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
 Mother of Him Who thee from nothing made,
 Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid:
 Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
 Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.**

Al - - ma Redemp-to-ris Ma-ter, quae per-vi - a cae - li
 por - ta ma - nes, et stel - la ma - ris, suc - cur - re ca - den - ti,
 Sur - ge - re qui cu - rat po - pu - lo: tu quae gen - u - is - ti,
 Na - tu - ra mi - ran - te, tu - um sanc - tum Ge - ni - to - rem,
 Vir - go pri - us ac pos - te - ri - us, Ga - bri - e - lis ab o - re,
 Sumens il - lud A - ve, pec - ca - to - rum mi - se - re - re.

Ave, Regina caelorum (Candlemas to Holy Week)

Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned, Hail, by angels Mistress owned.
Root of Jesse, Gate of Morn, whence the world's true light was born.
Glorious Virgin, joy to thee, loveliest who in heaven they see.
Fairest thou, where all are fair, plead with Christ, our souls to spare.

A - ve, Re - gi - na cae - lor - um, A - ve, Do - mi - na
An - ge - lo - rum: Sal - ve, ra - dix, sal - ve, por - ta
Ex qua mun - do lux est or - ta: Gau - de, Vir - go
glo - ri - o - sa, Su - per om - nes spe - ci - o - sa,
Va - le, o val - de de - co - - ra. Et pro no - bis
Chris - tum ex - o - ra.

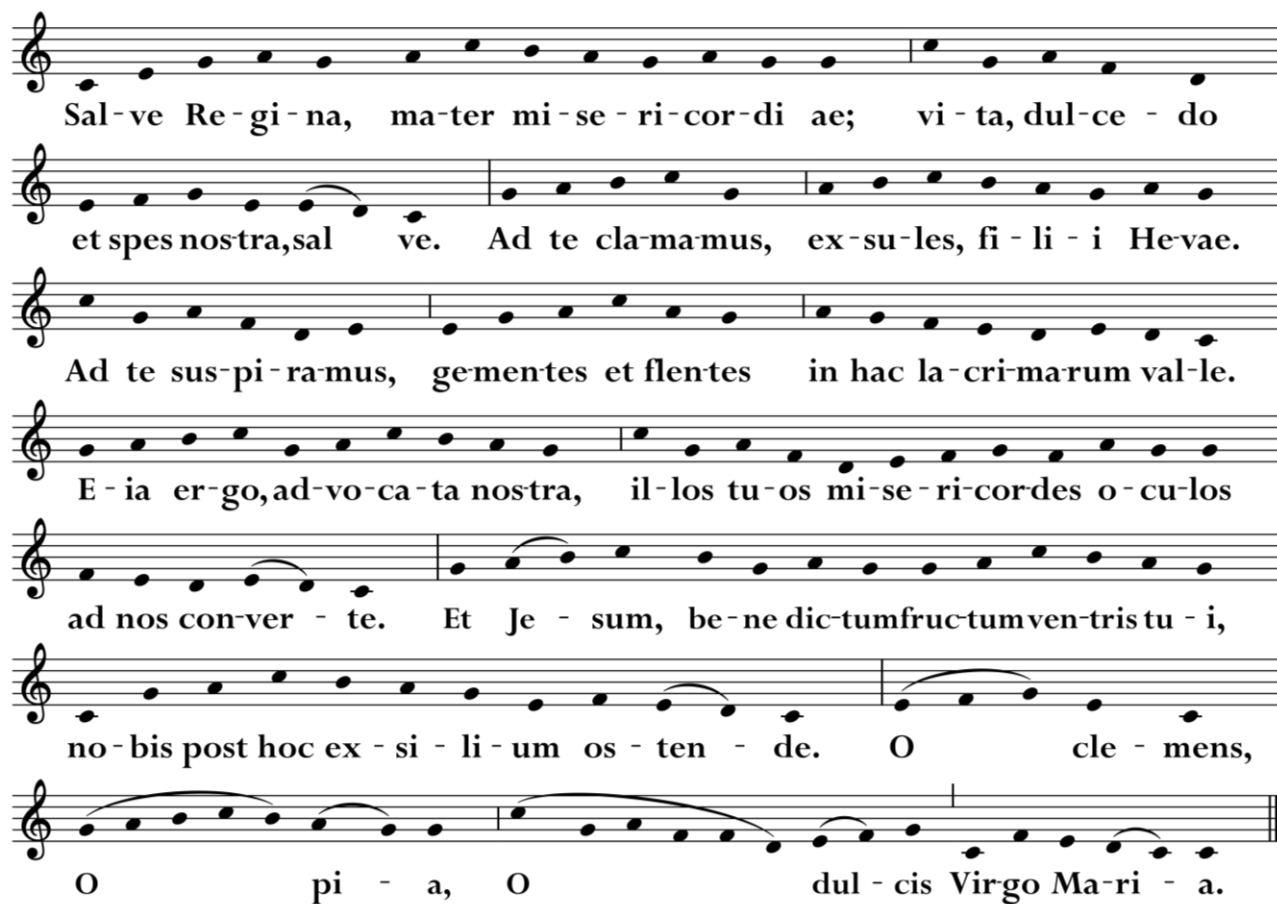
Regina Caeli (Eastertide)

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Re - gi - na cae - li, lae - ta - re, al - le - lu - ia.
Qui - a quem me - ru - i - sti por - ta - re, al - le - lu - ia.
Re - sur - re - xit, sic - ut di - xit, al - le - lu - ia.
O - ra pro no - bis De - um, al - le - lu - ia.

Salve Regina (day after Pentecost to Advent)

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy;
Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us;
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



Sal-ve Re-gi-na, ma-ter mi-se-ri-cor-di-ae; vi-ta, dul-ce-do
et spes nostra, sal-ve. Ad te cla-mamus, ex-su-les, fi-li-i He-vae.
Ad te sus-pi-ra-mus, gementes et flentes in hac la-crimarum val-le.
E-ia er-go, ad-vo-ca-ta nostra, il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cor-des o-cu-los
ad nos con-ver-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-dic-tum fruc-tum ven-tris tu-i,
no-bis post hoc ex-si-li-um os-ten-de. O cle-mens,
O pi-a, O dul-cis Vir-go Ma-ri-a.

Following the anthem either:

PRAYER AT THE FEET OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

O Mary, O glorious Mother of my Saviour,
behold me at my journey's end
kneeling within this holy place where, through the centuries,
you have been the devotion and confidence of Christians.
In this place where your name is so great,
your protection so assured, your intercession so loving,
I humbly claim a share in your prayers,
O Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham.
Blessed is she who believed
that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.

or:

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

O Mary, recall the solemn moment
when Jesus, your divine Son,
dying on the cross, confided us to your maternal care.
You are our Mother,
we desire ever to remain your devout children.
Let us therefore feel the effects
of your powerful intercession with Jesus Christ.
Make your name again glorious in this place
once renowned throughout our land
by your visits, favours and many miracles.

Pray, O holy Mother of God, for the conversion of England,
restoration of the sick, consolation for the afflicted,
repentance of sinners, peace to the departed.
O blessed Mary, Mother of God, our Lady of Walsingham,
intercede for us.
Amen.

CONCLUSION

Almighty God,
grant us the grace to magnify your holy name
and make us ever open to the guidance of your Holy Spirit,
that we may come at the end of our pilgrimage on earth
to our eternal home,
there with Mary and all the saints to praise you for ever.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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