

quered Satan, and Gabriel, who has announced to the mother of God, the birth of One to be called the Son of the Most High.

How happy they are to celebrate His return ! Their golden harps thrill with canticles of joy. All heaven is moved and repeats in ravished strains : " Glory, honor and praise to Thee, King, Christ, Redeemer ! Open, eternal gates, and leave the King of glory enter. After thirty-three years of exile, borne for the redemption of man, He comes to enjoy the reward of His sufferings. But who is this King of Glory ? *Quis est iste rex gloriæ* ? He is the Lord great and mighty ; He is the Lamb slain before the creation of the world. He is the Word made flesh by whom everything was made. He is the Lion of the tribe of Juda. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. *Rex regum et Dominus dominantium*. He is the immortal King of ages. To Him alone all glory and homage on earth and in heaven."



THE WORSHIP AND PATRONAGE OF SAINT ANNE.

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LEGEND OF ST. ANNE AND ST. JOACHIM.

The parents of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, both belonged to the royal and sacerdotal race.

Joachim, or Eli, was born at Nazareth, in Galilee. His father was Mathat, a descendant of David through his son Nathan. Estha, his mother, also descended from David, through Solomon.

Anne was of Bethlehem and of the lineage of David, by her father Stolanus and her mother Emerentiana.

They both lived in the most faithful observance of the Law, beloved by God, whose divine will they