

"And she cried out with a loud voice, and said :
Blessed art thou among women ; and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb.

"And whence is this to me, that the mother of my
Lord should come to me.

"For behold, as soon as the voice of thy salutation
sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

"And blessed art thou that hast believed ; because
those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to
thee by the Lord.

"And Mary said : My soul doth magnify the Lord :

"And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour :

"Because he hath regarded the humility of his hand-
maid : for, behold, from henceforth all generation shall
call me blessed.

"For he that is mighty hath done great things to me :
and holy is his name ;

"And his mercy is from generation to generations,
to them that fear him :

"He hath showed might in his arm : he hath scatt-
ered the proud in the conceit of their heart :

"He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and
hath exalted the humble :

"He hath filled the hungry with good things ; and
the rich he hath sent away empty :

"He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful
of his mercy :

"As he spoke to his fathers, to Abraham and to his
seed for ever."

"And Mary abode with her about three months : and
she returned to her own house.

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