

OFFERTORY

Ave, Maria ... et benedictus

Lk 1: 28

VIII

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Ail Mary, full of grace, * the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst wo-men, and blessed is the fruit

of thy womb.

Lk 1: 34–38

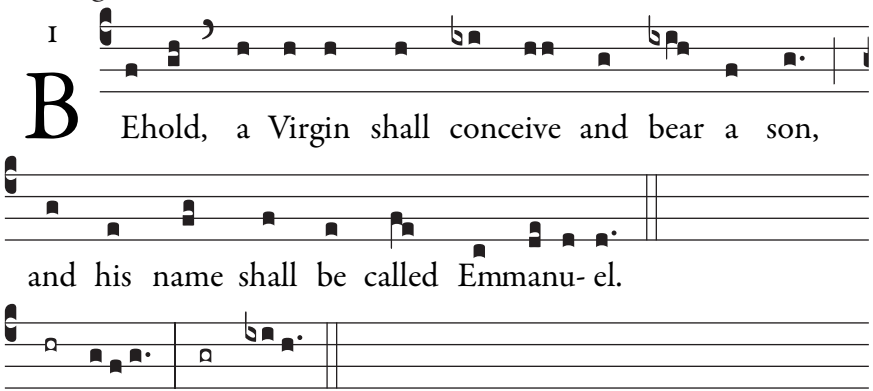
1. But Mary said *to the* angel, *
“How can this be, since I have no relations *with a man*?”
2. And the angel said to her in reply, †
“The holy Spirit will come *upon you*, *
and the power of the Most High will *overshadow* you.
Therefore the child to be born will *be called holy*, *
the *Son of God*.
3. And behold, *Elizabeth, your relative*, *
has also conceived a son in *her old age*,
and this is the sixth month for her who *was called barren*; *
for nothing will be *impossible for God*.”
4. Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid *of the Lord*. *
May it be done to me according *to your word*.”

COMMUNION

Ecce virgo

Is. 7: 14

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B Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emmanu-el.

Psalm 19 (18)

1. The heavens declare the *glory of God*, *
and the firmament proclaims the work of *his hands*.
Day unto day *conveys the message*, *
and night unto night imparts *the knowledge*.
2. No speech, no word, whose voice goes unheeded; †
their sound goes forth through *all the earth*, *
their message to the utmost bounds of *the world*.
3. There he has placed a tent for the sun; †
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming *from his tent*, *
rejoices like a champion to run *his course*.
4. At one end of the heavens is the rising of the sun; †
to its furthest end it *runs its course*. *
There is nothing concealed from its *burning heat*.

Glory be to the Father ...

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