

Judges 13:2-7

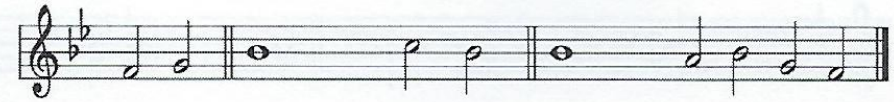
² Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. ³ And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴ Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. ⁵ For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." ⁶ So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name. ⁷ And He said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'"

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ² 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 of the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; ⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

St. Luke 1:39-56

³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." ⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵ as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever." ⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

JULY 2—THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (WHITE) PSALM 91**Introit.**

Ant. ALL THE || rich among the people shall entreat Thy | fa- | vor:
 she shall be brought unto the King in raiment | of | nee- | dle- | work.
 || Her companions shall be brought unto | Thee | - :
 with gladness | and | re- | joic- | ing.
Psalm. || My heart is inditing a good | mat- | ter:
 I speak of the things which I have made | touch- | ing | the | King.
 GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :
 and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.
 AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:
 world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

Almighty God, Who hast dealt wonderfully with Thy handmaiden, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and hast chosen her to be the mother of Thy Son, and hast graciously made known that Thou regardest the poor and the lowly and the despised: Grant us grace in all humility and meekness to receive Thy Word with hearty faith, and so to be made one with Thy dear Son; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Isaiah 11:1-5**Gospel. Luke 1:39-56****Gradual.**

|| Kings' daughters were among thy honourable | wo- | men:
 upon thy right hand did stand the queen in | gold | of | O- | phir.
 || The king's daughter is all glorious | with- | in:
 her clothing | is | of | wrought | gold.
 || She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of | needle- | work:
 the virgins her companions that follow her shall be | brought | un- | to |
 thee.

Festival of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

94. My Soul, O God, Magnifies Thee

Mein' Seel', o Gott! muß loben dich
Bartholomäus Gesius, † 1613
Tr., composite

Wo Gott zum Haus
"Geistliches Lieder"
Wittenburg, 1535

1. My soul, O God, mag - ni - fies Thee,
2. Since Thou be - held my low - li - ness,
3. Might - y Thou art, dear Lord, in deed,
4. Thou mer - ci - ful art e'er to he

My Sav - ior who doth come to me:
Hence - forth will all men call me blest;
Thy pow'r di - vine doth ne'er re - cede;
Whose heart a - lone now fear - eth Thee;

Thou bring'st me joy and glo - ry great,
From far and wide I'll laud - ed be,
A - bove all else is Thy Name's worth,
The poor Thou wilt for - e'er give aid,

De - spis - ing not my low es - tate.
For Thou hast done great things to me.
Yet poor - ly praised art Thou on earth.
When grief and pain on him are laid. A - men.

5. Let pride of man us never charm,
For naught withstandeth Thy strong arm:
Who in his own strength would depend,
Of such Thou soon dost make an end.

6. Thou shalt rest all counsels of man,
To work, O Lord, Thy wondrous plan,
For what work 'gainst Thee they would lay
Doth them undoubtedly betray.

7. Yet, to the lowly and despised
Thy grace, by might, sheds its disguise:
With princes given equal name,
The poor made rich while rich are shamed.

8. Thou, Lord, today hast worked Thine art
And mindful of Thy tender heart,
Thine Israel dost Thou succor give,
That Thine elect may ever live.

9. Such mercy we have not deserved
Yet, Thou hast made all things to serve
The Word which to our fathers gave
That God Incarnate man might save.

10. Yea, to that dear man Abraham,
Thou didst reveal Thy holy plan,
For Heav'n to him was pledged by Thee,
And to his Seed eternally.

11. Glory now and forever be
To the Most Holy Trinity:
God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—
In Thy rich grace we daily boast.

12. Who longest sinners to show grace,
To save from Hell our fallen race,
And when this fleeting life shall cease,
Bestow on us eternal peace.