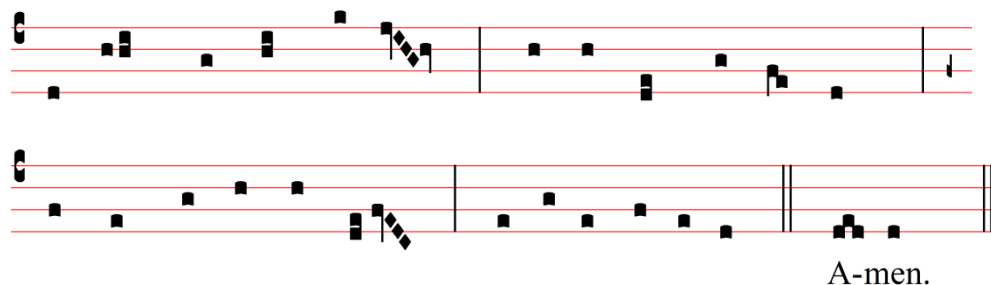


Hymns for the Visitation of the BVM (1st June) 2026

Introit Hymn – sung when the bell rings



1. Hail, O star that pointest
Towards the port of Heaven,
Thou to whom as maiden
God for Son was given.

5. That, O matchless Maiden,
Passing meek and lowly,
Thy dear Son may make us
Blameless, chaste and holy.

2. When the salutation
Gabriel had spoken,
Peace was shed upon us,
Eva's bonds were broken.

6. So, as now we journey,
Aid our weak endeavour.
Till we gaze on Jesus,
And rejoice for ever.

3. Bound by Satan's fetters,
Health and vision needing,
God will aid and light us
At thy gentle pleading.

7. Father, Son and Spirit,
Three in One confessing,
Give we equal glory,
Equal praise and blessing.

4. Jesu's tender Mother,
Make thy supplication
Unto Him Who chose thee
At His Incarnation.

Words: C9 Latin
Tr Athelstan Riley 1858 - 1945
Music: Ave Maris Stella

Offertory Hymn – sung after the Cherbuikon

1. Ye who own the Faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the vict'ry won,
When He made the Virgin Mary
Mother of His only Son.

2. Blessed were the chosen people
Our of whom the Lord did come,
Blessed was the land of promise
Fashioned for His earthly home;
But more blessed far the Mother
She who bare Him in the womb.

3. Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother
sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.

4. Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful
For each heedless wanderer,

5. For the sick and for the aged,
For our dear ones far away,
For the hearts that mourn in secret,
All who need our prayers today,
For the faithful gone before us,
In this Eucharist we pray.

6. With her let us praise the Father,
Praise her Saviour and her Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made her ark and throne
With the greatest of God's people
Let us praise the Three in One.

Words: VS Stuckley Coles 1845 – 1929
Arr the Vicar
Music: Grafton
French Church Melody
From Chants Ordinaires de l'Office divin
1891

Communion Hymn – sung once you are back from receiving Holy Communion

Slow



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The music is written in a style typical of 17th or 18th-century hymnals, with a focus on harmonic support for the lyrics.

1. Bles-sed Jesu, Mary's Son,
For mankind to earth Thou camest,
But the saving battle won,
Now at God's right hand Thou reignest:
On Thy people pour Thy blessing,
Gathered here, Thy Name confessing.

2. By this sacramental sign,
Token of Thy bitter Passion,
Through these gifts of bread and wine
Thine own image in us fashion:
By this food Thy Grace doth send us
From all ills of soul defend us.

3. In this Mystery of Grace
Which we celebrate before Thee,
Come, O Saviour, show Thy face
To the faithful who adore Thee:
All our sins by Thee forgiven,
Grant us here the joys of Heaven.

Words: GB Timms b1910
Music: Liebster Jesu
Melody by JR Ahle 1625 – 73
Mulhausen 1664
Harmony by JS Bach 1685 - 1750

Final Hymn – sung after the devotion at the shrine of the BVM



1. O glorious Maid, exalted far
Beyond the light of burning star,
From Him Who made thee thou hast won
Grace to be Mother of His Son.



2. That which was lost in hapless Eve
Thy holy offspring did retrieve:
The tear-worn sons of Adam's race
Through thee have seen the heavenly place.



3. Thou wast the gate of Heaven's high Lord,
The door through which the light hath poured.
Christians rejoice, for through a Maid
To all mankind is life conveyed.

4. O Jesu, Virgin-born to Thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Words: Latin Venantius Fortunatus 530 - 609

Music: Morning Hymn

Francois Barthelemon 1741 - 1808