A HYMN OF PRAISE FOR SUNDAY

THOU wast named "Beloved Woman", O blessed among women. Thou art the second chamber, in that thou wast called "Holiest of Holies", and in it was the table of the Covenant and on it were the Ten Words which were written by the fingers of God. He (i.e. the Father) made known this to us first of all by "Yawtil" (i.e. Iota), which is the first [letter] of the Name of our Redeemer JESUS CHRIST, Who became incarnate of thee without change, and became the mediator of the New Covenant, and by the shedding of His Holy Blood He purified the believers and the people who were pure. And because of this we all magnify thee, O our Lady, thou ever pure God-bearer. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

[Thou art] the Tabōt (i.e. Tabernacle or, Ark) which was covered on all its sides with gold, and was made of the wood that never perisheth, and that foreshadowed for us the Word of God, Who became man without separation and change, the pure and undefiled Deity, the equal of the Father, To thee, as the pure woman, [GABRIEL] announced [Him] without seed, And He became like unto us through the might of His wisdom: He Who was incarnate of thee and He Who was spotless mingled His Divinity [without nature]. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

[Thou] sanctuary which the Cherubim who are fashioned in the likeness of God surround—the Word, Who was incarnate of thee, O pure woman, without change hath become the Forgiver of our sins and the Destroyer of our transgressions. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.
Thou art the holy golden pot wherein the manna is hidden, the bread which came down from heaven, the giver of life unto the entire world. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Thou art the golden candlestick and dost hold the brilliant Light at all times, the Light which is the Light of the world, the Light of Lights which had no beginning, verily God of God, Who became incarnate of thee without change. And by His coming He shed light upon us, upon those of us who were sitting in the shadow and darkness of death, and He set our feet upon the path of peace, through the mystery of His holy wisdom. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Thou art the censer of gold because thou didst carry the coals of the blessed fire which He took from the sanctuary—He Who forgiveth sin an destroyeth wickedness, He who is the Word of God, Who became incarnate of thee, and Who offered up to His Father incense and precious offerings. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Thou art the sweet-scented flower which hath sprung from the foot of JESSE. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Thou art like unto the rod of AARON, which, without being planted in the ground and without watering, burst into blossom. In like manner thou, O Bearer of CHRIST, didst bring forth CHRIST our God inmulti, without seed. He came and delivered us. We
It is meet for thee, O thou who art full of grace, more than for all the saints to pray on our behalf. Thou art greater than the high-priests, and thou art more honourable than the Prophets; in thee there is majesty of appearance which is greater than the majesty of the Seraphim and Cherubim. Verily thou art the glory of our race, and thou art she who must beg for life for our souls. Pray thou then on our behalf to our Lord and Redeemer JESUS CHRIST that He may confirm us in the Right Faith, that is to say, faith in Him and the He may graciously bestow upon us His mercy and compassion, and may in His abundant mercy forgive us our sins for ever and ever. Amen.