A HYMN OF PRAISE FOR TUESDAY

The crown of our glory and the origin of our deliverance (or, salvation) and the foundation of our sanctification came into being in MARY the Virgin, who brought for us God the Word, Who became incarnate for our salvation. And after He became man of a certainty He was perfect God. And for this reason she gave birth to Him being a virgin. The power of her bringing forth is a marvellous thing that cannot be described. Of His own free will, and by the good pleasure of His Father and the Holy Spirit, He came forth and hath delivered us. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Great is the praise of thy virginity, O MARY, thou perfect (or, absolute) virgin. Thou didst receive grace, God was with thee. Thou art the Ladder which JACOB saw reaching from earth to heaven, with the angles of God ascending and descending upon it (Genesis xxviii. 12). 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 Bush which MOSES saw blazing with fire, and the wood thereof was not consumed (Exodus iii. 2). It was the son of God who dwelt in thy womb, and the fire of His divinity did not consume thy flesh. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Thou art that Field wherein no seed was sown, and yet there went forth from thee the Fruit of Life. Thou art that Treasure-house which JOSEPH bought, and he found therein a Pearl, a precious gem, that is to say, or Redeemer JESUS CHRIST. Thou didst carry it in thy womb and didst bring Him forth into the world. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Rejoice thou, O Godbearer, thou joy of the angels. Rejoice thou, who wast the woman foretold by the Prophets. Rejoice thou, for thou
Rejoice thou because it is meet that thou shouldst be called, "Bearer of God".

Rejoice thou, O thou woman who deliveredst EVE. Rejoice thou, for thou didst suckle Him who suckleth all creation. Rejoice thou, O holy woman, the mother of all living beings. We lift our eyes to thee with entreaty that thou wilt pray on our behalf. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Virgin, O Saint, O Bearer of God, since thou didst bring forth the KING, a marvellous mystery dwelt upon thee for our salvation. We will hold our peace, for we are unable to search into the matter completely, as the greatness thereof requireth, and will describe that Doer of good things, through the exceedingly great wonder of the manifestation. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

He was the Living Word of the Father Who came down on Mount SINA\(\text{\textsuperscript{I}}\) and gave the Law to MOSES (Exodus xx. 16 ff) whilst the top of the mountain was covered with mist, and with smoke, and with darkness, and with storm, and with the terrifying blasts of trumpets. He admonished those who were standing there in fear. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

It was He Who came down to thee, O rational mountain, in the humility of the Lover of men. Without any change He became incarnate of thee, and took a perfect body, endowed with reason and like unto ourselves, through the spirit of wisdom. God took up His abode on her and became perfect man so that He might
It is impossible for any to describe the greatness of the Virgin. For God chose her and He came and dwelt upon her. He who dwelt in the light, whom none could approach, was carried in her womb nine months. He who is invisible, He Who is incomprehensible did MARY bring forth, being a virgin. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

This is the stone which DANIEL the prophet saw, which was hewn from a high mountain, without hands (Daniel ii. 34, 35), that is to say, the Word Who went forth from the Father. He came and became incarnate of the Virgin without seed of men, and delivered us. 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 pure twig and the right vessel of the True Faith of the saints our Fathers. O thou pure Godbears, O thou sealed Virgin, thou didst bring forth for us the Word of the Father, JESUS CHRIST. He came and He hath delivered us. 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 Mother of the Glorious Light, O Godbears. Thou didst carry the Word who is invisible, and after thou hadst brought Him forth thou didst continue to be a virgin. With praise and blessing shall we magnify thee. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

What tongue is able to proclaim that which should be declared concerning thee, O thou
pure Virgin, Mother of the Light, the Word of the Father? Thou wast the throne of the KING Whom the Cherubim carry. We ascribe blessings unto thee, O blessed woman, and we will remember thy name from generation to generation, O Beautiful Dove, Mother of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Rejoice thou, O MARY, Mother and Maid, for unto Him who is in thy bosom the angles bring praises, and the Cherubim bow down and worship Him in fear, and the Seraphim spread out their wings, and say concerning Him ceaselessly, "This is the KING of Glory." He came to forgive the sins of the world in the greatness of His compassion. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.