Great and wonderful things have [the Prophets] prophesied concerning thee, O City of God, for thou art the abode of all those who rejoice. All the kings of the earth walk in thy light and [all] the nations in thy splendour (Isaiah lx.3). O MARY, all generations shall ascribe blessings unto thee, and shall worship Him who was brought forth by thee, and shall magnify Him.

We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

Thou art in very truth the Cloud, and thou hast shown us the water of the rain, the sign of the Onlybegotten. The Father established thee, the Holy Ghost took up His abode on thee, and the power of the Most High overshadowed thee, O MARY, and verily thou didst bring forth the Word, the Son of God, Who endured for ever. He came and hath delivered us from sin. Great was the honour that was bestowed upon thee, O GABRIEL, the Angel of the Annunciation with the joyful face. Thou didst proclaim unto us the birth of the Lord, Who hath come to us, and thou didst announce Him to MARY, the spotless Virgin, and didst say unto her, "Rejoice thou, O thou who art full of grace, God is with thee" (Luke 1.28). We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.
Thou didst find grace, the Holy Spirit dwelt upon thee, and the power of the Most High overshadowed thee, O MARY. Verily thou didst bring forth the Holy Saviour for all the world. 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.

Our tongue this day praiseth the work of the Virgin. We praise MARY, the God-bearer, because our Lord and Redeemer JESUS CHRIST was born of her in the city of DAVID. Come, O all ye nations, and let us ascribe blessing unto MARY, for she is at once mother and virgin. Rejoice, O pure Virgin, in whom there is no blemish, to whom came the Word of the Father, Who was incarnate of her. Rejoice, O Vessel unblemished, perfect, and spotless Woman. Rejoice thou, O Garden endowed with reason, thou Abode of CHRIST, Who became the Second ADAM because of the First ADAM, the man. Rejoice thou, O woman who borest the Only-begotten, who, having gone forth from the bosom of His Father, suffered no change. Rejoice, O thou pure Bride-chamber, who art adorned with all the beauty of praise, He came and was not consumed by the fire of the Godhead. Rejoice thou, O Mother and Maid, Virgin, thou second eaven, who didst carry in thy body Him Who is borne aloft by the Cherubim and eraphim. And because of this we rejoice, and we sing with the holy angels with joy and gladness, and we say, "Glory to God in the heavens, and peace upon earth, His good will to men" (Luke ii. 14). For He unto whom belong glory and raise for ever and ever is well-pleased with thee. Amen.
We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

The glory of MARY is greater than that of all the saints, for she was worthy to receive the Word of the Father. Him, who maketh the angels to be afraid, Him Whom the Watching Angels in heaven praise, did MARY the Virgin carry in her womb. She is greater than the Cherubim, and superior to the Seraphim, for she was the Ark (or, Tabernacle) of One of the Holy Trinity. She is JERUSALEM, the city of the Prophets, and she is the habitation of the joy of all the saints. On the People who sat in darkness and the shadow of death hath a great Light risen. God who resteth in His holiness became incarnate of a virgin for our salvation. Come ye and look upon this marvellous thing, and sing ye His song because of the mystery that hath been revealed unto us. For He who was became a man, the Word mingled [with our nature], He Who had no beginning [assumed] a beginning for Himself, and He Who had no days [reckoned] to Himself days, and He Who could not be known became revealed, and He Who was invisible showed Himself, the Son of the Living God became a man indeed, JESUS CHRIST, yesterday, today, and for ever (Hebrews xiii. 8), One Nature, Him do we worship and praise. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

EZEKIEL the Prophet testified concerning her and said, "I see a sealed door in the East, sealed with a great and wonderful seal, and no one save the God of the mighty ones hath gone in through it. He went in and He came out" (Ezekiel viii. 4).
went in and He came out" (Ezekiel xliii. 4; xlv. 1, 2). We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.

This door is the Virgin who brought forth for us the Redeemer. She brought Him forth, and she remained in her virginity after she had brought Him forth. Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, O Godbearer. Who came and delivered us out of the hand of the Enemy who was merciless, Complete art thou and blessed; thou hast found grace with the KING of Glory, the God in truth. Majesty and glory belong to thee more than to all those who dwell upon the earth. The Word of the Father came and was incarnate of thee, and walked about with men, for He is compassionate and a Lover of men. He delivered our souls by His holy coming. We beseech thee and lift our eyes to thee, so that we may find mercy and compassion with the Lover of Men.