CHAPTER 2

And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah;

And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elizabeth.

And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, 

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

And why is this done unto me, and the mother of my Lord? 

For behold, when the voice of thy salutation came upon my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

And Mary said, 

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaid: Forasmuch as from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showing forth his saving power in the sight of every nation;

To shew mercy on our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham;

That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies,

Might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him,

All the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest:

For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, To prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people,

By the remission of their sins,