

Hymn Verses for Vespers of the feast:

Visitatio Beatae Virgine Mariae:

# Gressum cepit cum concepit Maria/ Servit maior, gaudet minor

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Text v. 2 and 5 from Hymn:

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In Mariam vitæ viam

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DISCANTUS  
Gresum

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Gressum

ALTUS  
Gressum

TENOR  
Gressum

BASSUS  
Gressum

Gres - sum  
Ser - vit

ce - pit,  
ma - ior,

Gres - sum  
Ser - vit

ce - ma -

Gres - sum  
ser - vit

ce - ma -

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cum con -  
gau - det

Gres - sum  
Ser - vit

ce - pit,  
ma - ior,

cum con -  
gau - det

- pit,  
- ior,

pit,  
ior

ce - pit, mi - nor, cum con - gau - det ce - pit, Ma - ri - a mul - tum, fert, mi - nor Ma - ri - a

ce - pit, mi - nor, cum con - gau - det ce - mi - pit, nor, Ma - ri - a mul - Ma - ri - a fert

cum con - gau - det ce - pit, mi - nor, Ma - Ma -

cum con - gau - det ce - pit, Ma - ri - a mul - tum fert so - -

Ma - ri - a mul - tum pro - Ma - ri - a fert so - la - -

mul - tum pro - pe - rans, vi - fert so - la - ci - - um vi -

- tum pro - pe - rans, so - la - ci - - um

ri - a mul - tum pro - - pe - rans, ri - a fert so - la - - ci - - um

pro - pe - rans, la - ci - um

- pe - rans vi - si - ta -  
 - ci - um, vi - si - ta -

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si - ta - si - ta - vit, te, vi - si - ta - vit, con - for - ta - vi - si - ta - te, pre - pa - ra - vi - si - ta - vit, con - for - ta - vi - si - ta - te, con - for - ta - pre - pa - ra -

vit, vi - si - ta - vit,  
te, vi - si - ta - te,

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con - for - ta - vit, con - for - ta -  
pre - pa - ra - ra - tis pre - pa - ra -  
- vit - e - li - za -  
- tis, ad Spi - ri -  
vit tis ad e - li Spi - te ad li - za -

e - li - za -  
ad Spi - ri -

vit tis e ad li Spi za ri beth tum  
 beth tum, e ad li Spi za ri beth tum com pro  
 e li za Spi ri tum beth pro com phe pa ti ens, com phe  
 za ri beth tum com pro  
 beth tum com pa ti ens, com pro phe ti cum, pro

com pro phe ti  
 pa ti ens, com pa ti ens. phe ti cum, pro phe ti cum  
 pa ti ens, com pa ti ens. ti-cum, pro phe ti cum.  
 pa ti ens. phe ti cum

pa ti ens, com pa ti ens.  
 phe ti cum, pro phe ti cum.

**Comments:**

This is a setting of two stanzas (stanzas 2. and 5.) from a hymn for the first and second vespers of the feast Visitatio Beata Maria Virginis.

According to the Cantus database of for Latin ecclesiastical chant, there exist two melodies for this chant. Senfls setting uses melodic material reminiscent of the melody found in a manuscript Ms. 406 in Utrecht, Universiteitsbibliotheek. This source gives 7 stanzas in toto for the hymn as does the source in Danske Kongelige Bibliotek for the other melody to the hymn. The Sarum rite hymnal adds an eight stanza to these.

### The hymn according to the Sarum Hymnal.

Hymnale Secundum Usum Insignis Ac Praeclarae Ecclesiae Sarisburiensis (1850):

In Mariam vitæ viam  
Matrem vere viventium  
Pie venit Qui redemit  
Peccata delinquentium;

2.  
Gressum cepit, cum concepit,  
Maria multum properans,  
Visitavit, confortavit  
Elizabeth compatiens;

3.  
Salutatur inflammatur  
Elizabeth et Filius,  
Inaudita fiunt ita  
De dono Sancti Spiritus;

4.  
Impregnata, gravidata,  
Mater olim sterilis,  
Infans datus nondum natus  
Exultat Christo iubilis.

5.  
Servit maior, gaudet minor,  
Maria fert solatium  
Visitatis, præparatis  
Ad Spiritum propheticum.

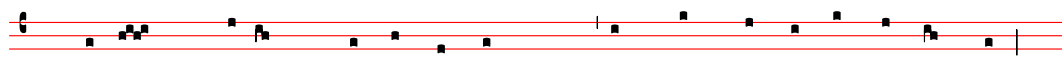
6.  
Præcursorem et doctorem  
Maria plebi indicat,  
Qui Rectorem, Purgatorem  
Digito mundi nuntiat.

7.  
Leva plebem, duc ad Regem  
Maria cunctos visitans,  
Ut salvetur et lætetur  
Cum tu sis mater medians.

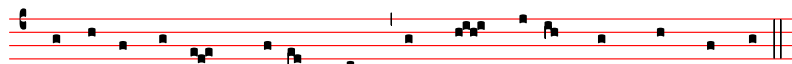
8.  
Honor Deo Vivo, Vero,  
Per infinita sæcula,  
Qui nos regat et protegat  
Materna per oracula. Amen.

The melody of Ms. 406, Utrecht, Universiteitsbibliotheek.

Choral notation



In Ma - ri-am vi-tæ vi-am Ma-trem ve-re vi-ven-ti-um



Pi-e venit Qui re-demit Pec-ca-ta delinquentium;

Transkription



In Ma - ri-am vi-tæ vi-am Ma-trem ve-re vi-ven-ti - um



Pi-e venit Qui re-de-mit Pec-ca - ta de-linquentium;