V. The Lord be with you.  R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts.  R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-
ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For the Virgin Mary heard

with faith that the Christ was to be born among men and for

men's sake by the over-shad-ow-ing pow-er of the Ho-ly Spir-it.

Lov-ingly she bore him in her im-mac-u-late womb, that the prom-

-ises to the children of Israel might come a-bout and the hope of

na-tions be accomplished be-yond all tell-ing. Through him the
host of Angels a-dores your maj-es-ty and re-joic-es in your

pres-ence for ev-er. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one

chorus of ex-ult-ant praise, as we ac-claim: