

PREFACE II OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church praises God with the words of Mary

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, to praise
your mighty deeds in the exaltation of all the Saints, and especial-
-ly, as we celebrate the memory of the Blessed Vir-gin Mar-y, to pro-
-claim your kind-ness as we echo her thank-ful hymn of praise.
For truly even to earth's ends you have done great things and ex-
-tended your a-bun-dant mer-cy from age to age: when you looked
on the lowliness of your hand-maid, you gave us through her the
author of our sal-va-tion, your Son, Je-sus Christ, our Lord.
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: