

Holy Gospel. Solemn Tone VIII

THE Lord be with you. *℞* And al- so with you.

A reading from the Ho- ly Gos- pel ac- cord- ing to Mat- thew.

℞ Glo- ry to you, O Lord.

THis is how the birth of Je- sus Christ came a- bout. When

his moth- er Mar- y was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived

to- geth- er, she was found with child through the Ho- ly Spir-

it. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet un-

willing to ex- pose her to shame, decided to divorce her qui- et- ly.

Such was his in- ten- tion when, behold, the an- gel of the Lord

appeared to him in a dream and said, “Jo- seph, son of Da- vid,

do not be a- afraid to take Mar- y your wife in- to your home. For

it is through the Ho- ly Spir- it that this child has been conceived

in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Je- sus,

because he will save his peo- ple from their sins.” All this took

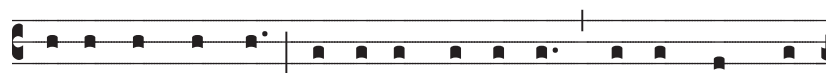
place to ful- fill what the Lord had said through the prophet :

Behold, the vir- gin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall

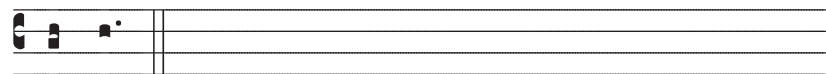
name him Em- man- u- el, which means “God is with us.”

When Jo- seph a- woke, he did as the an- gel of the Lord had

commanded him and took his wife in- to his home. He had no



re- la-tions with her un- til she bore a son, and he named him



Je- sus.

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