

praise, of thanksgiving, and of petition. If we say the Hail Mary with fervor, devotion and attention, meditating the while on the great mystery that was accomplished by this Angelic Salutation, we will grasp what the Annunciation of Mary meant for the human race. God did not create Mary for Himself alone, but has given her to the angels for their Queen, to men for their Deliverer, and to the demons for their Conqueror.

Ad Crucem

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Thou, fate of crime—yet, choice of God the Son,
Standard of Saints and prize of victories won,
True hope, for us, is found alone in Thee;
Ensign of truth and emblem of the free.

In every life—shadow of Love Divine;
Salvation's claim, in Christ, is also Thine,
Bearing all Love, oh living, fateful tree,
The sweetest fruit of immortality.

Glory of God and joy to all the world,
Unconquered banner, fearlessly unfurled,
Accurst in Hell and feared by Satan's hordes,
On Judgment-Day this sign shall be the Lord's.