

Gaude, gaude, gaude Maria

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Text: Respond and prose at 2nd Vespers at Candlemas

## Translation:

Rejoice, virgin Mary, you alone banished all heresies, who believed the words of the archangel Gabriel. While still a virgin, you bore both God and man and after birth remained an inviolate virgin. We know that the archangel Gabriel addressed you with divine prophecy, and we believe that your womb was impregnated by the Holy Spirit. Let the wretched Jew blush who says that Christ was born of the seed of Joseph. While still a virgin, you bore both God and man and after birth, you are inviolate, uncorrupted and chaste, Mary. You who was made the shining door of heaven, O loving, dearest mother of Christ, receive the pious prayers of our praises, that our hearts and bodies may be pure, which things devoted voices and hearts now demand. Grant to us through sweet-sounding prayers that we may enjoy perpetual life. O kind lady who alone remained inviolate. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. And after birth you remained inviolate.

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