



Window Number 5

The Joyful Mysteries—The Visitation

Mary, symbolized by the crescent moon, who had found favor with God, represented by the Chi Rho (Greek symbol for Christ), started out to the town of Judah, indicated in the upper part of the window by the gate. She visited her cousin, Elizabeth. The Maltese cross is a symbol of Elizabeth's son John the Baptist, while the two withered leaves at the base of the stem refers to Elizabeth's infertility in earlier years.

Reflection:

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. Luke 1:39-45