

Hymn in Honour of Our Lady of Walsingham

Hail Mary, ever blessed,
Of Walsingham the Queen!
Through vision of Richeldis,
Thy favors there were seen.
When England was thy dowry,
There pilgrims bowed the knee.
At morn and noon and even,
They knelt to honor thee.

Hail Mary, ever blessed.
Thy children still delight
To tell abroad thy praises,
Thy miracles, thy might.
Still pilgrim feet are treading
Along the holy way.
Hostess of England's Nazareth,
Receive us home today!

Hail Mary, ever blessed.
The wells of water pure
Which mark thy holy places
Are signs that God doth cure
For sick of soul and body.
E'er since Richeldis' day,
They spring in benediction
Beside the Pilgrims' Way.

Hail Mary, ever blessed.
Thy name is great indeed;
For Jesus Christ our Savior
Was in thy womb conceived.
Thy name be ever prai-sed,
Increasing in this place,
And loud the angel's greeting:
"Hail Mary, full of grace!"

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From the Rector: This beautiful hymn was selected today to mark this special occasion within the life of our church family and beyond. Today, on behalf of Bishop Harvey, I am inducting the first members into The Fellowship of the Sons and Daughters of Our Lady of Walsingham. While the story of Walsingham is beautiful and the message simple and grounded in the Gospel, it is important to note that no Anglican is required to receive the supposed events or message of Walsingham as a matter of faith. Anglicans receive only what is clearly biblical as a matter of faith. We hold the Catholic Faith and Order of the undivided Catholic Church as grounded in the Holy Scriptures as God's holy and life-giving Word. If you would like to know more about the story and message of Waslingham, please let me know.