Anna now beforehand doth betroth joy unto all, bringing forth the only Ever-virgin as fruit which al-leth grief, and today she bringeth her, rejoicing, into the temple of the Lord, in fulfillment of her promise. For she is the pure Mother, the temple of God the Word.

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