

It Is Truly Meet

Meet is it, in truth, to bless thee, the Birth-giver of God, ever-blessed, and all-undefiled, and the Mother of our God. More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thou who without defilement barest God the Word, true Birthgiver of God, we magnify thee.

Megalynarion (Axion estin) — a hymn, not a prayer

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