

John the Baptist

Part One: Apparition of the Angel to Zechariah

[During the voluntary "*The Day of Obligation*", ZECHARIAH, a priest before God, enters a dark church with a single lit candle. He lights additional candles as well as incense at the high altar, and the church slowly fills with a radiant light which reveals an angel, who is GABRIEL, standing next to the altar. ZECHARIAH is frightened.]

Voluntary: '*the day of obligation...*'

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ASCAP

Organ

$\text{♩} = 54$
8', 4', 2'

8' principal

5

I Cornet V

9

16' & 8' fonds. + II

13

17

♩ = 48
21 **Gabriel** *mp*

Do not be a - fraid, Zech - a - ri - ah, _____ for your prayer is

gambe 8' + 4' flute

4' flute

25 *f*

an - swered. Your wife E - liz - a - beth will bear you a son, and you shall call him John. _____

31 *GABRIEL begins to move, almost dancing...*

8' flute

16' & 8' flute

36

mp

You will have joy and glad-ness, and man-y will re-joice at his

40

birth, he will be great in the sight of the Lord;

44

GABRIEL, now very serious... *p*

he will turn man-y to the Lord;—

47

he will make read - y a peo - ple pre - pared, pre - pared for the Lord.

50

he begins to move again, almost dancing... mp

You will have

54

joy and glad - ness, and man - y will re - joice at his birth, he will be great in the sight

58

— of the Lord; —

63

♩ = 72

Zechariah*mf**ZECHARIAH is perplexed...*

How will I know that this is so? I'm an old man, and my wife is get-ting on in

8' fons + 8' oboe

p

66

Gabriel

♩ = 70

*GABRIEL is annoyed...**quasi recit.*

f I am Ga-bri-el! — I stand in the pre-sence of God! —

years.

f colla voce

small plenum, no reeds

$\text{♩} = 48$

GABRIEL *is calmer now,*

mp

I have been sent to speak to you

celestes

p 16' & 4' flute

72

and bring you this good news. But now, — be - cause you did not be-lieve my words,

75

which will be ful-filled in their time, you will be-come mute

mp

78

un - a - ble to speak, _____ un - til the day _____ these things oc - cur. _____

mf

81

SA "How shall I know this?" Zech - a - ri - ah _____ disbe - lieved the fact. "How shall this

TB _____

mp

84

SA be?" Mar - y doubt - ed not this thing. How shall we hear the an - gel's tid - ings?

TB _____

p

88 *f*

SA Glad tid - ings and great joy, — *p* are a sign from the hand of God. —

TB

p
8' fonds, no celestes

pp