

Nuns Go Down On Their Knees On Stone; Mothers Lament; Priests Intone

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Mary is forgiven her sins; handed a clean platter
and told she can bypass the Fall through Annunciation
to birth through actually raising the child to his death
and acceptance this is not just your son. Mourn to be sure;
she's given three days to wrap herself in black,
then shown the stone and asked to rejoice.

Now look at her statues; the set expression, the features
eroded by grief; the three days that never ended.

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