It Is Truly Meet

(This arrangement of 'It is truly meet' was chanted by the Archangel Gabriel when he first revealed this hymn near Karyes on the Holy Mountain in the year 982. 'Greater in honor' was composed by St. Ephrem the Syrian (4th c.).

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It is truly meet, it is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, who art ever blessed

and all blameless, and the

Mother of our God.

Greater in honor than the Cherubim,

and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thou who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word,

and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee.

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