

**Divine Liturgy, June 24, 2012**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER,**  
**AND BAPTIST JOHN**

**Hymn**

*melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage*



O bless - ed John, the Mas - ter's friend, The Fore - run - ner of Christ,  
You spring from par - ents' bar - ren loins, The Mas - ter's gar - den chaste,  
First came the lamp, and then the Light; First voice, and then the Word.



At Jor - dan's stream, you touched the head Be - yond all na - ture's price.  
The Bap - tist of the Christ, our Lord, And glo - ry of our race.  
The Bridegroom's friend, and then the Groom; His end - less cry is heard:

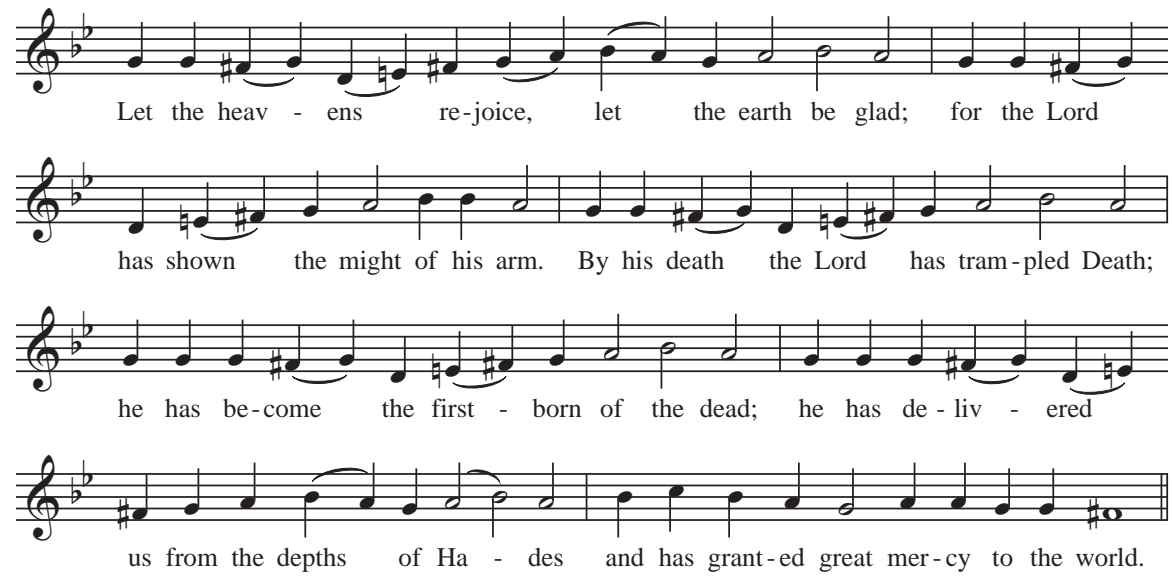


By your sin - cere and con - stant pray'r, Raise my soul to the Lord,  
We praise you, great Fore - run - ner John, O guar - dian of our life:  
Re - pent, O peo - ple, change your ways, The Bridegroom will ap - pear!



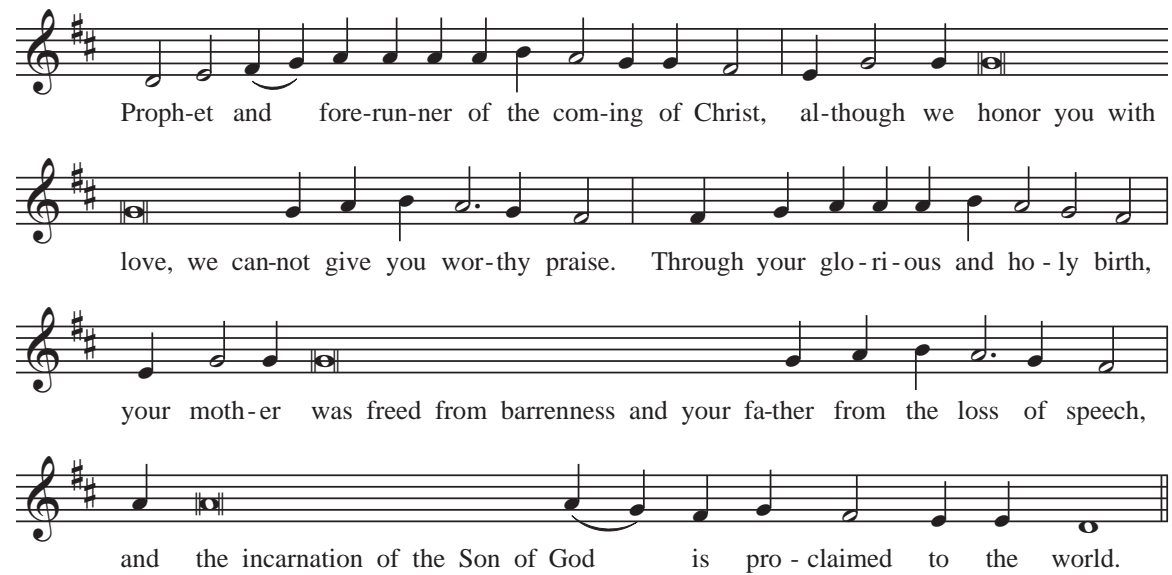
Put out the flames of pas - sion's fire That Christ be e'er a - dored.  
Re - pel the Ser - pent's fierce at - tacks De - fend us in all strife.  
Cast sin a - side, and safe - ly bide, Seek Christ in faith and fear!

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3**



Let the heav - ens re-joyce, let the earth be glad; for the Lord  
has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has tram-pled Death;  
he has be-come the first - born of the dead; he has de - liv - ered  
us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer-cy to the world.

**Troparion of the Nativity of the Forerunner - Tone 4**



Proph-et and fore-run-ner of the com-ing of Christ, al-though we honor you with  
love, we can-not give you wor-thy praise. Through your glo-ri-ous and ho - ly birth,  
your moth-er was freed from barrenness and your fa-ther from the loss of speech,  
and the incarnation of the Son of God is pro - claimed to the world.

The usual Communion Hymn for Sunday is (Psalm 148:1): (melody A found on page 76)

And for the Forerunner, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):

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The just man will be re-mem-bered for-ev - er; e - vil news he

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will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - - - it.

**Kontakion of the Forerunner - Tone 3**

To - day she who once was barren gives birth to Christ's fore-run - ner. He him-self is the ful-fill-ment of all proph-e - cy; for in the Jor-dan, he im-posed his hand up - on the Word of God whom the proph - ets had fore - told and was shown to be his proph-et, her - ald, and fore - run - - - ner.

Cantor

Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - - men.

**Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 3**

To - day, you a - rose from the grave, O mer - ci - ful Lord; you led us out of the gates of Death. To - day, Ad-am ex-ults and Eve re-joic - - es.

With them, the proph-ets and patriarchs ever praise the might of your di-vine  
pow-er.

**Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - Tone 3 (Psalm 46:7,2):**

Sing praise to our God, sing praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise,  
sing praise to our King, sing praise!

**Verse:** All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness.

*Immediately after the verse:*

**Prokeimenon of the Forerunner - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):**

The just man will re-joice in the Lord, re-joice in the Lord  
and will put his trust in him.

**Alleluia of the Resurrection - Tone 3 (Psalm 30:2,3):**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

**Verse:** In you, O Lord, I have placed my trust; let me never be put to shame.

**Verse:** Be a protector for me, O God, and a house of refuge for my salvation.

*After the second verse:*

**Alleluia of the Forerunner - Tone 1 (Luke 1:68,76):**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia!

**Verse:** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

for he has visited and brought redemption to his people.

**Verse:** [And you, O child, shall be called prophet of the Most High.]

*Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."*

**Magnification:**

Ex-tol, ex-tol, O my soul, O my soul,  
the ho-ly birth of John the Bap-tist and Fore-run-ner of Christ.

**Irmos:**

*Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting:*

The in-ef-fa-ble mystery of the Word of God is clear-ly re-vealed, most pure  
Vir-gin. God has tak-en a body from you in his com-pas-sion. Therefore, we  
ex-tol you as the The-o-to-kos.