

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):

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Praise the Lord, the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him,  
praise him in the high-est. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - - le - lu - ia!

Communion Hymn for the Ancestors (Psalm 32:1):

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Re - joice in the Lord you right - eous ones; praise from the up-right,  
the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Divine Liturgy Propers, December 21, 2014  
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY  
Sunday of the Ancestors

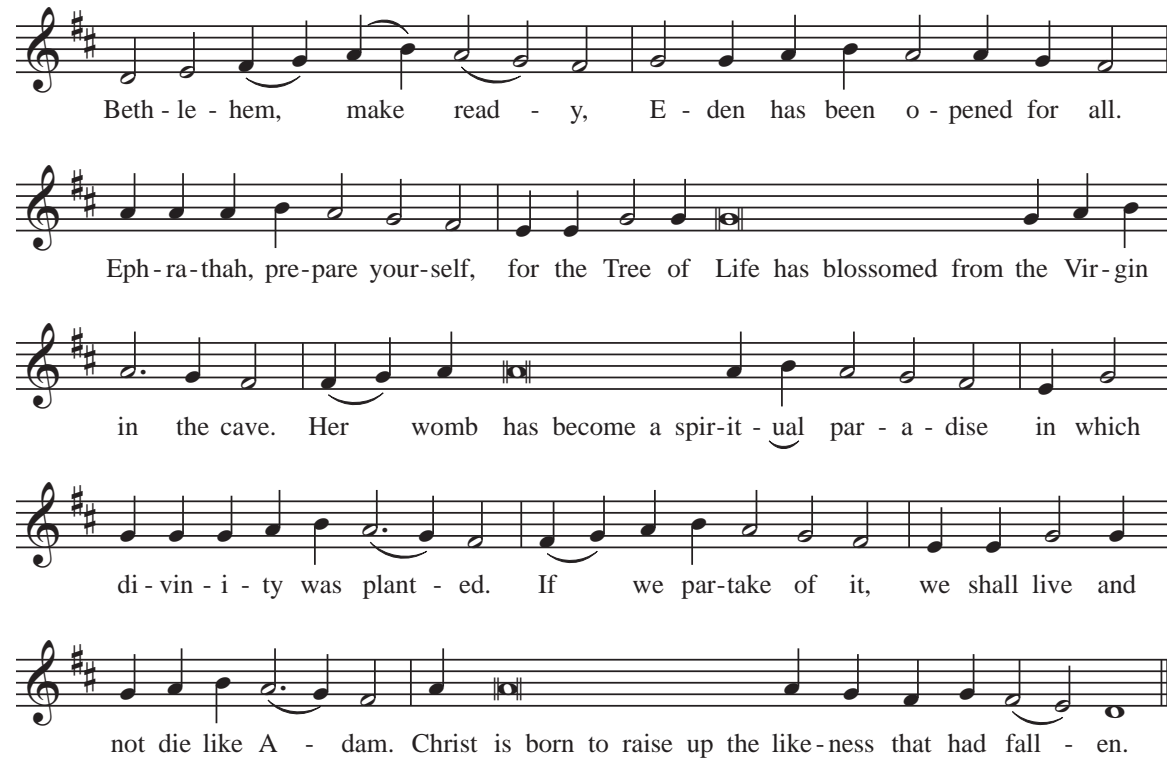
Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3

Let the heav - ens re - joice, 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 Ancestors - Tone 2

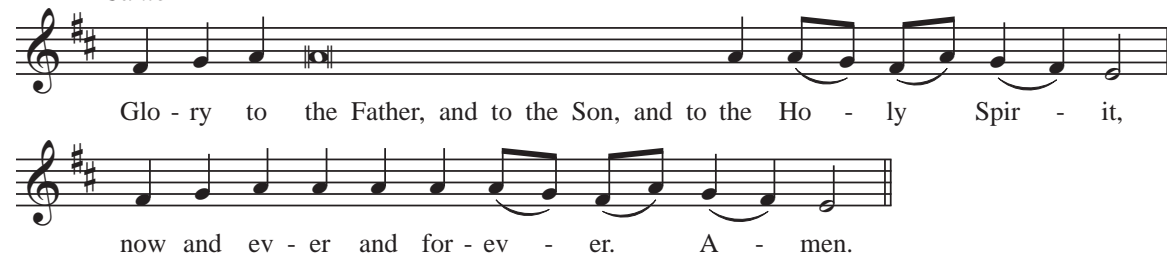
Great are the ac-com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in  
the streams of fire as if in re-fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet  
shep-herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O  
Christ our God, save our souls.

**Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4**



Beth - le - hem, make read - y, E - den has been o - pened for all.  
Eph - ra - thah, pre - pare your - self, for the Tree of Life has blossomed from the Vir - gin  
in the cave. Her womb has become a spir - it - ual par - a - dise in which  
di - vin - i - ty was plant - ed. If we par - take of it, we shall live and  
not die like A - dam. Christ is born to raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

*Cantor*

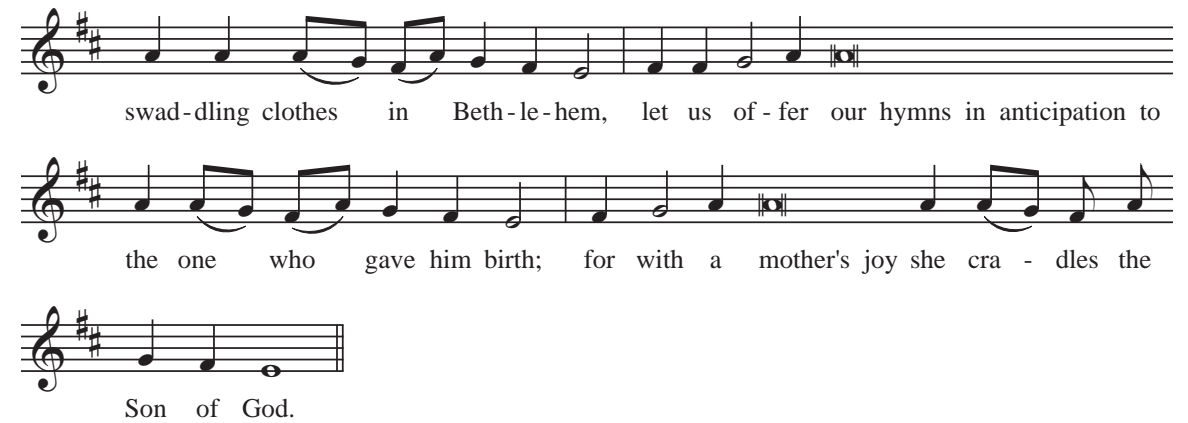


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 2**

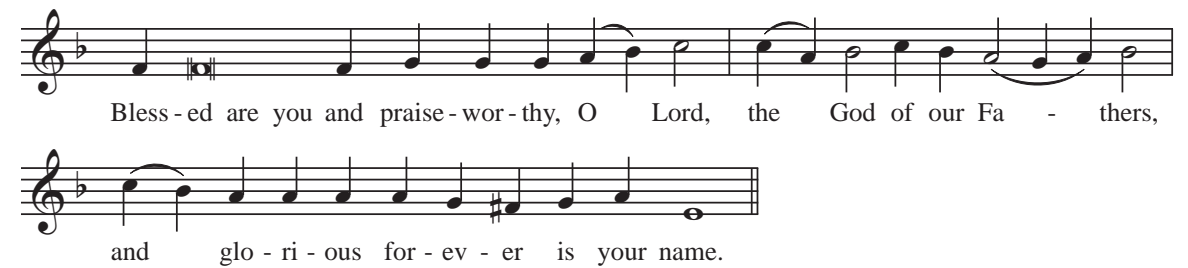


As we see the One who holds the world in his hands now wrapped in



swad - dling clothes in Beth - le - hem, let us of - fer our hymns in anticipation to  
the one who gave him birth; for with a mother's joy she cra - dles the  
Son of God.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):**



Bless - ed are you and praise - wor - thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers,  
and glo - ri - ous for - ev - er is your name.

*Verse:* For you are just in all that you have done for us.

**Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 43:2,8):**



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

*Verse:* O God, we have heard with our own ears;  
our fathers have told us the deed you did in their days.

*Verse:* You saved us from those who oppressed us; and those who hated us you put to shame.