

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):

Melody: *O kto kto*

Praise the Lord from the heav-ens, praise him in the high-est.

*Refrain*

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

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

Re - joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.

*Refrain*

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

Divine Liturgy Propers, December 23, 2018

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

Sunday of the Ancestors

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 6*

An - gel - ic pow - ers ap - peared at your tomb, and the guards be - came like dead

men. Mar - y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod - y. You de - spoiled

Ha - des with - out a chal - lenge. You, the Giv - er of Life met the

Vir - gin. O Lord, ris - en from the dead, glo - - - ry to you!

Troparion of the Ancestors - *Tone 2*

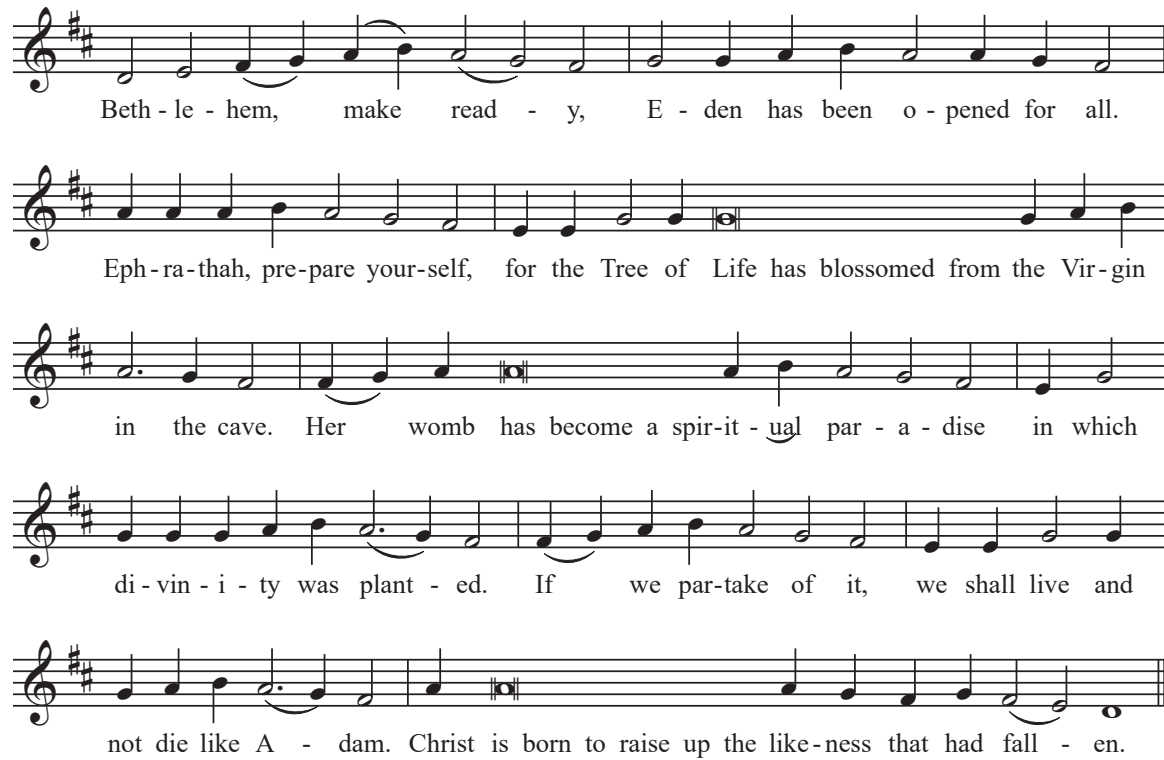
Great are the ac - com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in

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

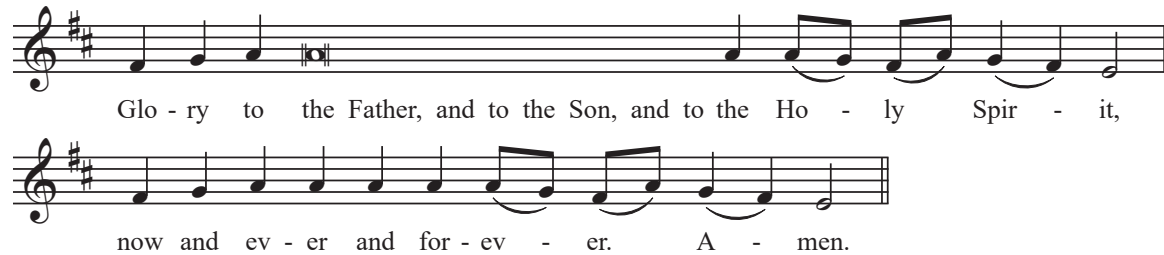
Christ our God, save our souls.

**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*

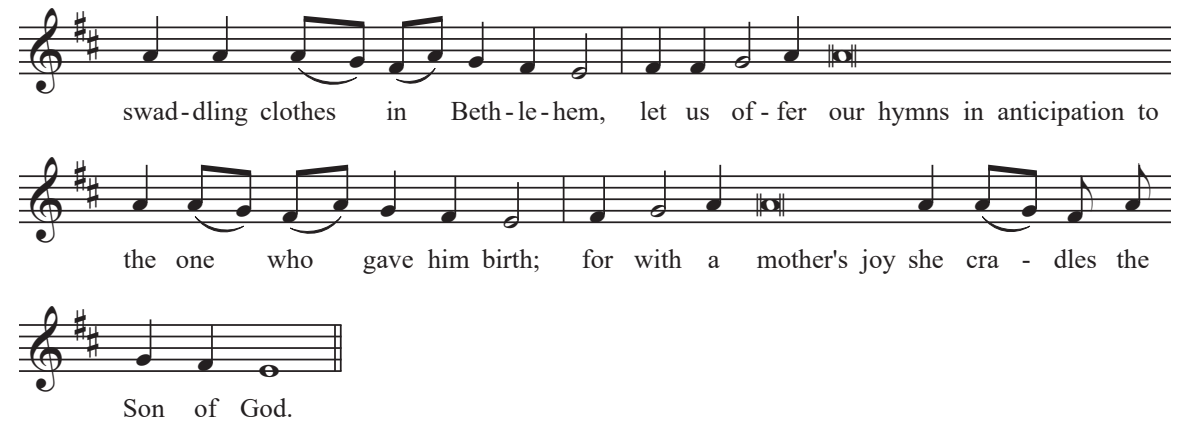


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

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

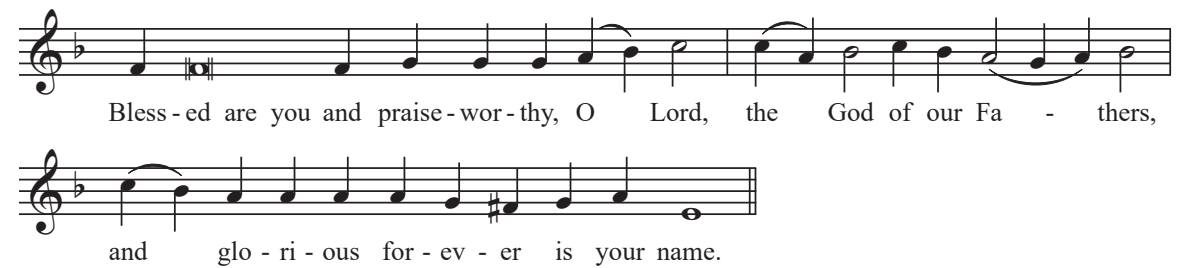


As we see the One who holds the world in his hands now wrapped in



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.