O Christ God, when John saw thee advancing to him in the Jordan, he cried, saying, How hast thou come to thy servant, O thou spotless Lord? In whose Name shall I baptize thee? In the Name of the Father? For thou dost bear it in thee. In the Name of the Son? For thou art the incarnate One? In the Name of the Holy Spirit? For thou hast known how to grant him to believers by the mouth?
Wherefore, O God manifest, have mercy upon us.

The sea saw and fled. The Jordan turned back on its course.

The waters beheld thee, O God, the waters beheld thee and feared; for verily, the cherubim dare not gaze upon thy glory, nor the seraphim stare at thee; but they stand in fear; for of them are some that bear, and some that glorify thy might.
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Wherefore, with them, O compassionate One, we proclaim thy praise, saying, O manifest God, have mercy upon us.

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What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou didst flee? Why didst thou turn back, O Jordan, on thy course? Today the Maker of heaven and earth cometh in the flesh to the Jordan seeking baptism, though he is sinless, to purify the world from the error of the adversary: and the Lord...
all is baptized by a servant, granting mankind

cleansing by water. Wherefore, let us

cry unto him, saying, O our appearing God: glory to thee.