As Shepherds in Their Fields

Gently, joyfully

1. As shepherds in their fields were piping songs aloud, And host of angels stopp'd their there, And, voices strong, call'd out:

2. "O cease your piping now. A-biding in the fields, And cry and sing that Christ is born, The Lord on earth revealed. God is born who comes to save, The humble human race."

3. O join our choir and sing. Of bles-sed holy grace, For fields now sing, A-and grace, A-And grace, A-And grace, A-


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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, RT, Rev.0, 10/12/05.
When Christ was of the Virgin Born

Vespers of the Nativity of Christ
Second Sticheron on "O Lord, I have cried"
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Richard Toensing

Simply, joyously

1. When Christ was of the Virgin born
   the world was fill'd with light;
   lone - ly fields il - lu - min'd pure and bright.

2. For God in flesh has now ap - pear'd, the Savior
   has come to save us all.
   The Magi kneel'd, ad - dor'd the Son,
   He - rod's mind was trou - bled sore.

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When Christ was of the Virgin Born

Christ is born, Christ is born, Come and glorify Him!

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, RT, Rev. 1, 10/30/05.
What Shall We Call You
First Royal Hour of the Nativity
Theotokion after the Troparion of the Forefeast
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Richard Toensing

Simply, not too fast

1. What shall we call you, full of grace? Shall
2. Or shall we name you "Paradise," For
3. "Pure Mother" shall we call you then, Who

"Heaven" be your name? For shining
God's immortal Flow'r? Or shall "The
held the Holy Son? O pray to

forth from You has come The righteous
Virgin be your name? All pure by
Him, the God of all, To save us

Son God's own pow'r.
ev' - - - - - - ry - - - - one.

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, RT, Rev. 1, 12/16/08.
The Rod of Jesse's Root Has Bloomed
Richard Toensing

Matins of the Nativity of Christ
Canon I, Canticle IV
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Not too fast \( \text{\textit{d=50}} \)

1. The rod\textemdash of Jesse's root has bloom'd, Has
2. For from\textemdash the mount of shadow dark, You
3. O im\textemdash material, spiritual One, The

bud\textemdash ded from a Virgin's womb, For You\textemdash have come, O
come\textemdash as from a holy ark, Incarnate of\textemdash a
One\textemdash be\textemdash got\textemdash ten God the Son, All glory\textemdash to\textemdash your

Christ\textemdash our\textemdash Lord, All prais'd\textemdash and blest\textemdash and
Virgin\textemdash Maid, O Lord\textemdash of glory
might, O Lord, All glory, Christ, the

all\textemdash a\textemdash dor'd. All prais'd and blest\textemdash and all\textemdash a\textemdash dor'd.
u-human made, O Lord\textemdash of glory human made.
all\textemdash a\textemdash dor'd, All glory, Christ, the all\textemdash a\textemdash dor'd.

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, RT, Rev. 2, 9/22/05.
The Desert, as a Lily, Bloomed

Matins for the Forefeast of the Nativity
Canticle III, Irmos and Sessional Hymn
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Richard Toensing


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Once Sorrow had Silenced Zion's Harps

Richard Toensing

Not too slow $\frac{\sigma}{= 60}$

Once sorrow had silenced Zion's harps, Whose

Children kept themselves apart, Among the

Strangers did not sing, Nor hymns of joyful

Praises bring. But shining forth in

Bethlehem, the Lord destroys all Baby -

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Once Sorrow had Silenced Zion's Harps

lon. Her error and her music there, Releasing Zion's praises there. So let us lift our song of praise And everyone our voices raise, "Let all creation praise the Lord, Exalting Him forevermore."
O Nations, Let Us Now Prepare
Richard Toensing

Simply

1. O nations, let us now prepare, And lay aside all earthly care, To celebrate the birth of Christ With all the worthy, good, and wise

2. Our minds lift up to Bethlehem, And with our consciences ascend, May we within our hearts behold, The

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Virgin coming through the cold. 3. For Mary now draws near the cave, To give birth there to Him who saves; Our God and holy Lord of all, The mighty Savior of our souls. 4. And Joseph all these things beheld, But thought a human child he held, Not knowing
what would later come, Through this the Virgin Mary's

(hmm) (hmm)

Son 5. But then, in later years amazed Good Joseph,

through His works of grace, Knew Jesus as the Lord of

all, Who grants great mercy to our souls.
O Master, Risen as a Star

Matins of the Nativity of Christ
Canon I, Canticle IV, Stanza 3
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Richard Toensing

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, RT, Rev. 1, 9/22/05.
Lift Up, My Soul

Meditatively, joyfully

1. Lift up, my soul, and magnify The Lady
2. O soul of mine, now magnify The God we
3. O soul of mine, now magnify The King who
4. O soul of mine, now magnify Our God whose
5. O soul of mine now magnify The One re-
6. O soul of mine, now magnify The Virgin
7. The Magi and the shepherds came To worship

hon - or'd o - ver all, More glo - ri - ous than
ever glo - ry, Who from the bles-sed
comes from hea - ven high, And in a low - ly
star was shin - ing high, The Ma - gi led to
vealed as King on high Whose way was point - ed
pure and unde - fil'd Who in a sta - ble
Christ and praise his name, Who in the town of

all the hosts Who serve the Lord on
Vir - gin born, Ap - pears in hu - man flesh and
sta - ble cave, Is born to save the hu - man
Beth - le - hem, Who brought their gifts and wor - ship'd
by a star, To Ma - gni trave'ling from a-
cave on earth Has gi - ven Christ the King his
Beth - le - hem, Was born to draw us all to


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Let Clouds Drop Water from on High

Richard Toensing

Meditatively - moderate tempo

(optional solo)

1. Let clouds drop water from on high, And

2. For He the everlasting Light, That

(optional solo)

all the hosts of heaven cry; For He who

knows no evening, dark, or night, Has come on

clouds his chariot makes, Comes on a cloud as heaven

humble earth to shine, Illuminating with light divine

shakes; For by the Virgin He was borne, En

vine. The ones who lived in darkness here, In


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Let Clouds Drop Water from on High

compass'd in a baby's form.

peril and in hopeless fear.
Isaiah, as He Watched by Night
Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ, Compline
Canticle V, Irmos
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks, altered, R.T.

With joyful dignity

1. Isaiah, as he watched by night, Behold the
   everlasting Light that knows no evening poverty.

2. Isaiah cried aloud, "Behold, A Virgin
   shall conceive and hold The Word incarnate in her
   womb, From which a Baby, He shall come, And

3. That came to pass through all her family Shall us
   then rejoice, O

4. Christ ascending above, Lord, have mercy upon us.
In Bethlehem

Matins of the Nativity of Christ
Ikos following the Kontakion after Canticle 6
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Sweetly, not too fast

1. In Bethlehem is open'd wide, the gates of
2. The Root unwat'er'd there appears, from which for-
3. So let us has - ten to the place, Where now a

Eden's paradise O come and let us look and
giveness flowers here, And there is found the undug
Babe is born by grace, The pre-ter nal God of

see, In secret that great joy to be. O
well, Where Da vid long'd to drink as well. For
all, Whose love will lift us from the fall. O

come, and let us take in hand That paradise that ev er
there a Virgin bears a Child, The Maid ob di ent and
come, and let us take in hand, That paradise that ev er

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stands, And now____ is found within the cave, In
mild, The thirst____ of Adam now shall cease, And
stands, And now____ is found within the cave, In

Him____ who comes____ to earth to save.
Da - vid's, too,____ shall find release.
Him____ who comes____ to earth to save.