

January 2nd-4th

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Stichera of the Praises

Byzantine Tone 6

Special Melody: *Ye angelic hosts*

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1. Ye an - gel - ic hosts, go ye on the way be - fore us;

make your way from Beth - le - hem to the Riv - er Jor - dan;

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and come forth, O thou Bap - tist John, a - ban - don the wil - der - ness.

Make read - y, O riv - er, and re - joice, and let all thē earth be

E

filled_ with glad - ness, for Christ_ com - eth_ now

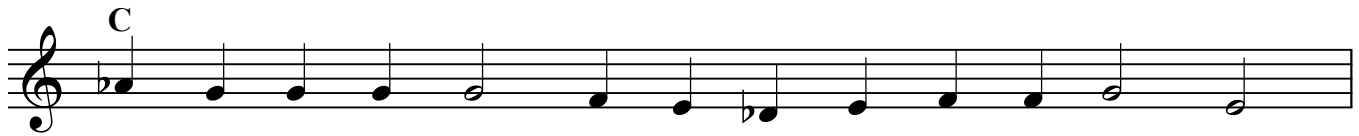
Un. G

and purg - eth Ad - - - am's sin a - way,

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since He_ is com - pas - sion - ate_

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2. Come ye, with pure mouths and with souls made clean, and let us



mys - ti - c'lly leave Beth - le - hem, tak - ing forth our jour - ney;



and as we go with Christ un - to the Jor - dan with ea - ger haste,



let us sing to Him now, O ye tribes of thē earth, with joy and



ju - bi - la - tion, as we say in faith:



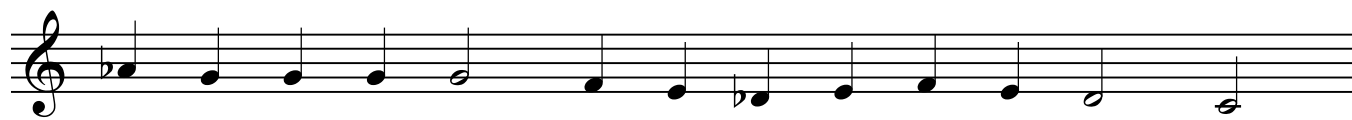
Bless - ed art Thou Who art now come,



our God, glo - ry be to Thee.



3. Dread-ful is the mys - t'ry and great be - yond all tell - ing!



For the Most High God is be - come like un - to man - kind;



and now He Who is in - no - cent and know - eth no sin at all



com - eth forth and ask - eth to be bap - tized of John with - in the



Jor - dan Riv - er on this___ ho - ly___ day.



Bless - ed art Thou___ Who hast ap - peared;



our God,___ glo - ry___ be___ to Thee.---

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4. Of a Vir - gin born as the Flow - er sprung from Da - vid,



Christ our God is come to the wa - ters of the Jor - dan,



to wash a - way with - in its floods the sins__ of our an - ces - tor.



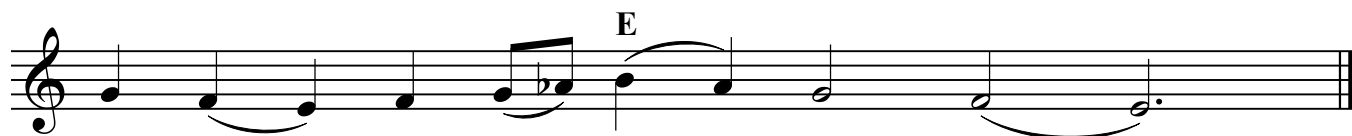
Dance for joy, O Ad - am; Eve, be glad; and let Heav - en now de -



- light__ and glo - ry; let us__ na - tions__ say:



Bless - ed art Thou__ Who art now come,



our God,__ glo - ry__ be__ to Thee.__