1. Ye angelic hosts, go ye on the way before us;
2. Come ye, with pure mouths and with souls made clean, and let us
3. Dreadful is the myst’ry and great beyond all telling!
4. Of a Virgin born as the Flow’r sprung from David,

make your way from Bethlehem to the River Jordan;
mysti’c’ly leave Bethlehem, taking forth our journey;
For the Most High God is become like unto mankind;
Christ our God is come to the waters of the Jordan,

and come forth, O thou Baptist John, abandon the wilderness.
and as we go with Christ unto the Jordan with eager haste,
and now He Who is innocent and know’th no sin at all
to wash away within its floods the sins of our ancestor.

Make ready, O river, and rejoice, and let all the earth be
let us sing to Him now, O ye tribes of the earth, with joy and
cometh forth and asketh to be baptized of John within the
Dance for joy, O Adam; Eve, be glad; and let Heaven now de-

filled with gladness, for Christ cometh now
joy, bi-la-tion, as we say in faith:
Jordan River on this holy day.
light and glory; let us nations say:

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and purg - eth Ad - - - am's sin a - way,
Bless - ed art Thou______ Who art now come,
Bless - ed art Thou______ Who hast ap - peared;
Bless - ed art Thou______ Who art now come,

since He_____ is com - pas - sion - ate_____
our God,___ glo - ry___ be____ to Thee._____
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