1) O strange wonder! Lo, the heavenly Archangel, who in the heights ever standeth before our God, doth inform God's minister, Zachariah of godly mind, of the conception of Christ's Forerunner John from fruitless barrenness and despite great age. O Thine ineffable care and providence for men, O Master Christ! Whereby, save our souls, since Thou alone art merciful.
2) O strange wonder, how the speechlessness of Zachary foretold in all plainness the silencing of the ancient Covenant and the showing forth of the New! The Law's fulfillment it sealed with silent tongue and indicated the coming light of Grace.

O Thy wise providence and Thy foresight, O Thou only Friend of man! Whereby, keep us all, since Thou art the Omnipotent.
3) O strange wonder! As a faithful priest, a Martyr
   noble and great, and a Prophet most glorious who foretold the things to come,
   Zachariah hath been shown forth adorned right fair with a triply shining crown,
   O Sovereign Master, adorned with three-fold grace.
   O Thine abundant gifts and right graces, O Christ God, Thou Friend of man! By the which, vouchsafe Thy
   Kingdom unto all of us.