1) Ye angelic hosts, go ye on the way before us; ye that be in Bethlehem, make the manger ready.

The Word of God is born; the Holy Wisdom now cometh forth. Church, receive the greeting;

and upon this rejoicing of the Theotokos, let us people cry:

Blessed art Thou Who art now come; our God, glory be to Thee.
2) In the lowly cave doth arise the star of Jacob.

Come, let us observe the festival, ye faithful,

and hasten with the Magi and with shepherds join company; let us look on God Who hath been swaddled and on the Virgin that doth suckle;

O dread spectacle!

For now the King of Israel is come to us, even Christ.
3) Let the hills and mountains drop sweetness; for behold ye,

God doth come from Te - man; ye na - tions, be ye van - quished.

Re - joice, be glad, ye Proph - ets; O ye Pa - tri - archs, leap for joy; man - kind, dance to - geth - er

in di - vine joy; the great and might - y Prince and Rul - er

is born in the flesh.

The King of Heav - en, ē ven Christ,

is come on the - earth to us.
4) Raising mortals up from the earth, the Maker cometh

and again reneweth His fair and royal image.

Rejoice, ye hosts of Heaven; O ye powers, sing hymns of praise. Broken is the middle wall of enmity; He is come to what was laid up for Him; for Christ is now come; God is become a mortal man, the great King of Israel.

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5) Let us go to meet our Creator, O ye faithful,
com- ing to the earth to dawn bright- ly from the Vir- gin.

With vir- tues let us spar- kle and with
pu- ri- ty let us shine, read- y- ing our- selves in
joy and trem- bling to look on Christ be- come an in- fant

with the eyes of our mind;

for He doth de- i fy us men,
abound- ing in kind- ness to us.