In Olden Days
Based on the Troparion for Vespers
Forefeast of the Nativity
adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

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Now Christ is Born Upon the Earth

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Christ is born, Christ is born, Glorify Him!

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Now hear, O Bethlehem

Based on the Troparion for Vespers
Forefeast of the Nativity
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks, altered, R.T.

Sweetly, not too fast  (Soprano and Tenor: Optional soli, as indicated.)

Now hear, O Bethlehem

is now her womb, In which is planted all di-
pen now for all, And glory this holy

vine, The Plant from which we all shall dine.
birth, Where by our Lord has come to earth.

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The Virgin, as was Said of Old  
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Matins of the Nativity  
Based on Canon I, Ode 5, Stanza 3  
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Not too fast  \( \text{poco a poco cresc. al fine} \)

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\text{The Virgin, as was said of old, in}
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\text{visions ancient prophets told, Has now con-ceiv'd as}
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\text{God had planned, And brought forth God on earth made man}
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\text{Let us praise the Virgin mild, Who us to God has re-con-}
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cil'd  And let us sinners sing her praise, The

The - o - to - kos' hon - or raise.

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The Shepherds in the Fields Receiv'd

Brisk, rhythmic!

1. The shep - herds in the fields receiv'd, A vision
   of the light reveal'd And ter - ri - fied, were
   fill'd with fright, At such a won - drous, ho - ly sight:
   Christ is born, Christ is born, glo - ri - fy Him!

2. The glo - ry of the Mas - ter shone, And all a - round
   them night had flown, An an - gel cried, the
   si - lence torn: "Give praise, for Christ the Lord is born!"
   Christ is born, Christ is born, glo - ri - fy Him!

3. Sing praise un - to the God of all, Who comes to
   make cre - a - tion whole, O God our prec - ious
   fa - thers knew, All blest and ho - ly, Lord are You!"
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The Nativity of Christ
Based on the Troparion for Matins
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The Choir of Shepherds

Matins for the Nativity of Christ
Canon II, Canticle III, Stanza II
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Allegretto; gently and not too fast

1. The choir of shepherds in the field was over whelm'd by grace revealed.

2. Their eyes be held the all blest Child of Mary pure and un declared.

3. They saw as well the angel ranks, Who sang in praise and heart felt thanks Of Christ the Bride who.

Ma Mary pure and un declared.

priv' leg'd to be hold a strange and glorious scene un

ne ver knew a man And bore the Son by sac red

King divine on earth, In car nate through the Vir gin

REFRAIN (louder and more joyful each time!)

fold: plan.

Christ is born, Christ is born, glo ri fy Him!

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A Star the Magi Plainly Showed

Matins of the Nativity of Christ
Canon II, Canticle I, Stanza III
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Serenely

1. A star the Magi plainly show'd, the
   2. They saw You wrap'd in swaddling clothes, the

Word shares of our sufferings Light and our bestow'd, Who

was before the stars and sun, And now becomes the

Vir-gin's Son, On earth to make transgression

came to save; In joy they gazed upon your

cease, And bring our race to life and peace.


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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, RT, Rev. 0, 11/24/04.
A Strange and Wondrous Mystery

With awe and wonder \(d=52\)

The altos and Basses may hum the first nine bars (quasi-ison) and begin singing text on beat 4 of bar 9.

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lift our praises high. And Him we magnify.

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The Lord is Virgin-born Today

From the Praises
Matins of the Nativity of Christ
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

With gentle joy

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Make Glad, You Righteous

From the Praises, Matins of the Nativity of Christ
Stichera I
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Joyfully

REFRAIN

Make glad, you righteous, and rejoice, And heavens,

1. Make glad, you righteous, and rejoice, And heavens,
2. Now like the holy Cherubim The Virgin
3. The shepherds glorify the child, And kneel before
4. The angels sing their praises high, And lift a

mountains, dance for joy, For Christ is born on earth today,

magnificat for Him, And at her bosom carries God,
fore His mother mild; The Magi offer gifts to Him,
glad rejoicing cry, O Lord, past thought and knowing too,

And angels sing in bright array.
Made flesh to live on earthly sod.
The Master born in Bethlehem.
All glory ever be to You.

REFRAIN

Christ is born, Christ is born, glorify Him!


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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, RT, Rev. 3, 11/25/04.
O Let Creation All Rejoice

Compline of the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ
Canticle IX, Stanza IV
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

Joyfully (in one)

1. O let Creation all Rejoice And greatly

2. And He who was before all things To earth Him-

3. O let the Magi come to Him, And travel

4. let our humble, mortal race Re joice in

raise its hymns of joys, For our Creator makes Him-
self as hu man brings, Our God on earth in flesh re-
far to Beth le hem, And let the shepherds clap their
His immortal grace, And join the angel hosts who

self To be created, here to dwell.
veal'd Al migh ty glo ry there con ceal'd.
hands, At wonder come to earth ly lands.
sing, Their praise es to the Sa vior bring.

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The Kings Arrive From Persia's East

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With Majesty; not too fast!

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Compline of the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ
Canticle VIII, Stanza III
Adapted, Fr. Jack Sparks

The Kings arrive from Persia's East, Their error now forever ceas'd, To Christ the great almighty

King Their gifts to Him at birth to bring, Of myrrh and frankincense and gold, Remembering prophecies of old; O children, bless, and call Him Lord And all ex-
The Kings Arrive From Persia's East

alt
Him
ever - ever - more.