1) Let us piously fill the air with the sound of pre-
festal songs for the hallowed Baptism of our Lord and God. For now, behold, as a man He soon shall come forward in the flesh unto His Forerunner John and shall ask saving Baptism, that He might restore and might fashion anew all who with faith in Him are sacredly en-
lightened and who partake of the Spirit's grace.
2) Christ hath openly been revealed; God appear eth before our eyes; David long before manifested wrote thereof; and He doth come to His servant and He ask eth for Baptism.

River Jordan, take delight and be filled with exceeding joy; O ye earth and sea, O ye mountains and hills and hearts of men, now leap with gladness and rejoicing as ye receive the noetic light.

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3) O Almighty and Sovereign Lord, the great River of Peace art Thou and, as Scripture saith the sweet Torrent of Delight; how shall the streams of a river then receive Thee now drawing nigh, entering naked in its floods, Thou Who wrappest the sky with clouds and Who hast stripped bare all the enemy's wickedness and malice and again hast clothed the earth-born with incorruption and endless life?