1) O strange wonder! God, Who deigned to be born of thee, O Vir-gin, and in-car-nate for our sakes, was pleased now to give a fit-ting pre-lude to thy hymn. He there-fore sent Ga-briel un-to a monk in the form of a fel-low monk to teach him thy hymn of praise by means of him who be-fore time cried out to thee: Maid-en Full of Grace, re-joice thou, with thee is the Lord our God, Who a-bun-dant-ly grant-eth His Great Mer-cy to the world through thee.
2) Who can tell thy wonders, O pure Maid! Thou hast borne the Most High as a mother doth a son. And now, by thy providence, Archangel Gabriel from Heaven was sent to earth in a strange form to instruct us more perfectly in singing thy praise in hymns; for he himself had aforetime cried out to thee: Maiden Full of Grace, rejoice thou, with thee is the Lord our God, Who abundantly granteth His Great Mercy to the world through thee.
3) We all glorify thy providence, as God's Virgin Mother, for thou taughtest unto us the truly most wondrous prelude to thy holy hymn by Gabriel, who came down in a strange form on the earth, O all-blameless one; with joy, therefore we fall down and the Archangel faithfully cry to thee: Maiden Full of Grace, rejoice thou, with thee is the Lord our God, Who abundantly granteth His Great Mercy to the world through thee.
4) O strange wonder! Shining Gabriel, coming in the likeness of a monk appeareth to an elder's disciple in his cell alone by night and wondrously doth begin to chant the prelude, O Lady, unto thy hymn; he also then doth inscribe upon a slate with his hand that which he had sung. Then he straight-way disappeareth, to the monk's astonishment, that he might glorify thee, O all-launted Lady full of grace.