From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.

Let us go before, O nations, and celebrate the Nativity of Christ. And lifting our minds to Bethlehem, let us ascend with our consciences, beholding with the thoughts of our hearts, the Virgin approaching, giving birth in the cave to the Lord of all, our God, whose stupendous wonders Joseph did behold, while at the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, 12/19/15, Rev 3, DA, CAH
Verse 8

For with the Lord there is mercy and with him is abundant redemption, and he will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Verse 9

Praise the Lord all ye nations; praise him all ye people.

Now repeat Stichera 7 on the previous page, and then sing Verse 9 below.

Stichera 9

Let us go before, O nations, and celebrate the Nativity of Christ; and lifting our minds to Bethlehem,
let us ascend with our consciences and behold the great

Mystery that is in the cave; for Eden hath verily been

opened by the coming forth of God from the spotless Virgin,

perfect in Divinity and perfect in Humanity.

Wherefore, let us shout forth: Holy God, Eternal Father,

Holy Mighty, the Incarnate Son,

Holy Immortal One, the Comforting Spirit,

O Holy Trinity, glory to thee.

Verse 10

For his mercy is great t'ward us, and the

truth of the Lord endur eth forever.
Listen, O heaven, and give ear, O earth; for behold, the Son, the Word of the Father, cometh to be born of a maiden that hath not known man.

Wherefore, by the pleasure of him who gave him birth without passion, and by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, O Bethlehem, make ready, and O Eden, open thy gates; for he who is shall be that which hath not been, and the Maker of the entire creation shall become the grantor of great mercy to the whole world.