You have destroyed Death by your cross; you opened paradise to the thief.

The sorrow of the myrrh-bearers you turned to joy. You commanded your apostles to proclaim: Christ our God, you have risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Zebulun, make ready; Naphtali, prepare yourself. O River Jordan, stand and leap for joy to receive the Master coming to be baptized.

O Adam, rejoice with the first mother, Eve, and do not hide yourselves as once you did in Paradise. For, seeing you naked, Christ has appeared to
put on the first robe. He has appeared to re-new all cre-a-tion.

Cantor

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, now and ever and for-ev-er. A-men.

Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4:

To-day the Lord appears in the Jordan's streams and cries out to John: Do not be af-raid to bap-tize me, for I have come to save Ad-am, the first cre-a-ted.

Prokeimenon - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):

Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance, and bless your in-her-i-tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.
Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 66:2):

\[\text{Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!}\]

Verse: Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us.
Verse: Let your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78-81)
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!