At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father's voice bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to you!

You have revealed yourself to the world today; and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. We recognize you and exclaim to you:
You have come and revealed yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

Hymns of the Litiya

Tone 4 Bolhar

The One who clothes himself with light as with a robe designed, for our sakes, to become as we are. Today he is clothed in the streams of the Jordan even though he has no need to be purified.

He refashions us through the cleansing he receives. What a marvelous wonder! He creates a new without fire and refashions without tearing apart; he grants salvation to those enlightened in him, Christ our God, the Savior of our souls.
When John the Baptist saw you approach, the One who purifies the sin of the world by fire and the Spirit, he cried out with fear and trembling, saying: I am unworthy to place my hand on your immaculate head. Therefore, O Master, purify me by your Theophany, for you alone love the human race.

Let us imitate the wise virgins; come, let us go to meet the Master who is now present, for he approaches John as a Bridegroom.

When the Jordan saw him, it bowed down in fear and stopped; John spoke out saying: I am unworthy to touch your
im mortal head. The Spirit descend ed in the form of a dove
and sanc ti fied the wa ters. and a voice was heard from on high:
This is my Son who comes into the world to save all. O Lord,
glo ry to you!

To day Christ is bap ti zed; he emer ges from the wa ters and
up lifts the world with him. He be holds the open ing of the heav ens
which Ad am had closed for him self and his de scend ants. The Spirit
tes ti fies to his di vine na ture, for he is in ac cord with his own.
A voice is heard from the heav ens, giv ing wit ness to the
One who has descended; for he is the Savior of our souls.

Up on touching your immaculate head, the hand of the Baptist trembled. The streams of the Jordan turned back, feeling unworthy to serve you. How could the one who stood in awe of Joshua the son of Nun, be unafraid to stand before the Creator of Joshua? You have completed all that was assigned to you, O Savior, so that you might redeem the world by your Theophany, for you alone love the human race.
Desiring to fulfill all that was ordained for you from eternity, O Lord,
you received ministers from all creation at this mystery of yours: Gabriel
from among the angels, the Virgin from among the human race,
the star from among the heavens, and the Jordan from among the waters;
and in it you have cleansed the sins of the world. O our Savior,
glory to you!

To-day all creation is enlightened. To-day all nature rejoices,
those in heaven and those upon the earth. Angels and people join together
in the presence of the King and his army. Let us hasten to the Jordan;

let us witness to John as he baptizes a sinless and uncreated head.

Let us sing out in one voice, echoing that of the apostle:

The grace of God which brings salvation to all has come forth, enlightening the faithful and granting them great mercy.

**Aposticha**

O Lord, when John saw you approaching him at the Jordan River, he cried out:

How do you, O Lord who are sinless, come to me your servant? In whose name shall I baptize you? In the name of the Father whom you possess in
yourself? In the name of the Son, while you are the very Son in the flesh?

In the name of the Holy Spirit whom you grant to the faithful with the breath of your mouth? O God who has appeared to us, glory to you!

Cantor

The sea fled at the sight; the Jordan turned back on its course.

The waters have seen you, O Lord. When the waters saw you, they trembled, for the very Cherubim do not dare to look upon your glory,

nor can the Seraphim rest their eyes upon you. They stand in awe before you, some on guard, others glorifying your might. Together with them we proclaim your praise, O Merciful One, and say: O God who has appeared
to us, have mercy on us.

Cantor

Why was it, O sea, that you fled, that you turned back, O Jordan, on your course?

Today the Creator of heaven and earth approaches the Jordan River in the flesh; the One who is free from sin seeks to be baptized in order to cleanse the human race from the error of the enemy; the Master of all is baptized at the hand of the servant in order to grant us the cleansing through water. Therefore, let us cry out to him: O God who has appeared to us, glory to you!
When John, the bright lamp that was born of a barren mother, perceived that Christ, the Sun who had risen from a virgin, was now asking for baptism, he cried out with joy: O Lord, sanctify me by your Theophany.

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