Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshipped the stars have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice, and to know you, the Dawn from on High. Glory to you, O Lord!

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One; and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable. The angels sing his glory with the shepherds; the wise men journey with the star.

The eternal God is born for us as an infant child.

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May heaven and earth rejoice prophetically this day. May angels and people spiritually celebrate, for God appeared in the flesh to those groping in the darkness and resting in a shadow. Having been born of a Virgin, a cave and a manger received him. Shepherds relate a miracle; the Magi from the East bring gifts to Bethlehem, while we, with unworthy lips, render him angelic praise:

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth, for the hope of nations has arrived. Having come, he has saved us us from hostile bondage.
The Persian Magi clearly recognized the heavenly King born on earth.

Led by a bright star, they arrived at Bethlehem bearing choice gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh; and falling down, they adored him; for they saw the eternal One, lying as a Child, in the cave.

Angels rejoice in heaven, and people exult today, and all creatures leap with joy because of the birth of the Lord and Savior in Bethlehem; for all deceit of idolatry has ceased, and Christ reigns forever.

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A great and glorious miracle was wrought to day: the Virgin gives birth without corrupting her virginity; the Word is made flesh without separation from the Father; the angels and shepherds give praise, and we exclaim with them: Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth.

Cantor

From eternity you have been born of my womb, vows the Lord who does not repent.

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Creator of all, Paradise offers a cave, and a star presents Christ as the Sun in darkness; the Magi with their
gifts, enlightened by faith, adore; the shepherds behold a miracle,

while the angels exclaim: Glory to God in the highest.

Cantor

The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand.

When the Lord Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, the Magi,

coming from the East, adored God made man, and unfolding their treasures,

they brought precious gifts: the purest of gold as to the eternal King;

and incense as to the God of all; and myrrh as to the immortal dead of three days. Come all nations, let us adore him who is born to save our souls.
Re-joice, Je-rus-a-lem; ex-ult, all those who love Zi-on. To-day

the tempo-rar-y bond of Ad-am's condemna-tion is dis-solved; Para-dise

is o-pened to us, and the ser-pent is crushed; for woman, whom he first de-ceived,

he now per-ceives as mother of the Cre-a-tor. O a-byss of divine

wealth, wis-dom, and in-tel-lect! She, who had been a sinful vessel conveying death

to all flesh, has be-come through the The-o-to-kos the means

of salvation to the whole u-ni-verse; for of her is born a Child, ever-per-fect

God, whose birth con-firms vir-gin-i-ty, loos-ning the bonds of sins

with swad-dling clothes, and, through his infancy, healing Eve's care-lad-en pains.
May the whole universe exult and leap with joy, for Christ has come to regenerate it and to save our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

You have dwelt in a cave, O Christ God, and a manger received you; the shepherds and the Magi adored you. Then were the predictions of prophets fulfilled; and angelic powers stood amazed, singing and saying:

Glory to your condescension, for you alone love all creation.

The service continues on page 34.
Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed up on the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshipped the stars have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice, and to know you, the Dawn from on High. Glory to you, O Lord!