

The Nativity of the holy prophet John the Forerunner

JUNE 24



1. The God - named Voice, lamp of the Light, who told the Mas - ter's way,
2. Since Za - cha - ry re - ceived with doubt the pro - mise from on high,
3. To God, the bles - sed Tri - ni - ty to Fa - ther and to Son



O John the Bap - tist, pro - phet great, your birth we hymn to - day.
Nine months was he com - plete - ly mute, till your birth bid him cry:
And Ho - ly Spi - rit, Pa - ra - clete, our God, the Three - in - One:



To Za - cha - ry the priest was brought the mes - sage of your birth,
"Blest be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free;
For ho - ly John's na - ti - vi - ty all glo - ry be ad - dressed



Send from on high as joy - ful news by Ga - briel, come to earth.
And blest are you, O child of mine; Christ's pro - phet you will be."
Now from the Church both ga - thered here and from the saints at rest!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers texts for June 24

Melody: *Forest Green*