

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):

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Praise the Lord, the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him,
praise him in the high-est. *Refrain* Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - - le - lu - ia!

Communion Hymn for the Ancestors (Psalm 32:1):

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Re - joice in the Lord you right - eous ones; praise from the up-right,
Refrain the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Divine Liturgy Propers, December 21, 2025
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Ancestors

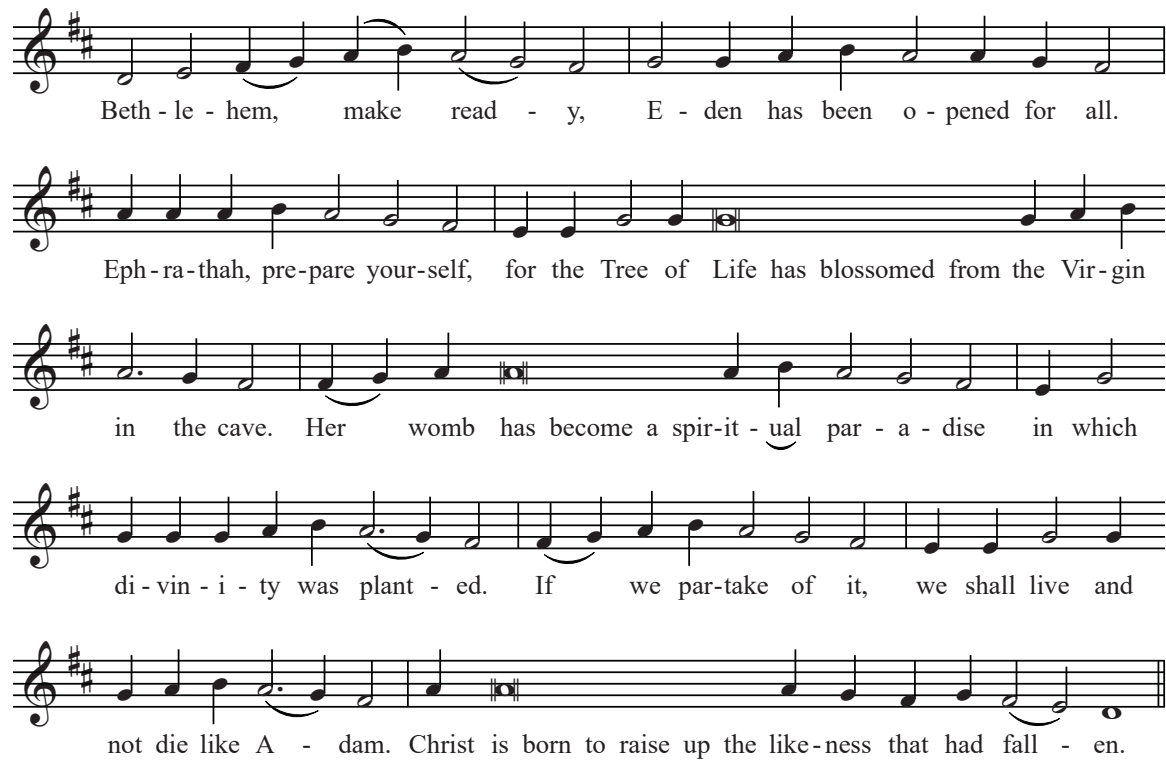
Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 3*

Let the heav - ens re - joice, let the earth be glad; for the Lord
has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has tram-pled Death;
he has be-come the first - born of the dead; he has de - liv - ered
us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer-cy to the world.

Troparion of the Ancestors - *Tone 2*

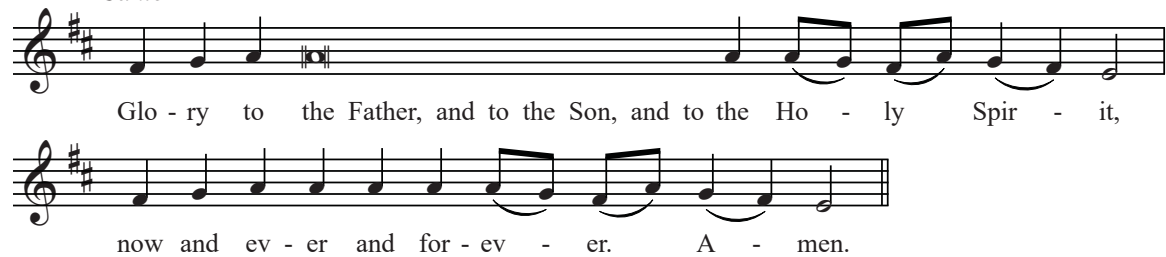
Great are the ac-com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in
the streams of fire as if in re-fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet
shep-herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O
Christ our God, save our souls.

Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4



Beth - le - hem, make read - y, E - den has been o - pened for all.
Eph - ra - thah, pre - pare your - self, for the Tree of Life has blossomed from the Vir - gin
in the cave. Her womb has become a spir - it - ual par - a - dise in which
di - vin - i - ty was plant - ed. If we par - take of it, we shall live and
not die like A - dam. Christ is born to raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

Cantor

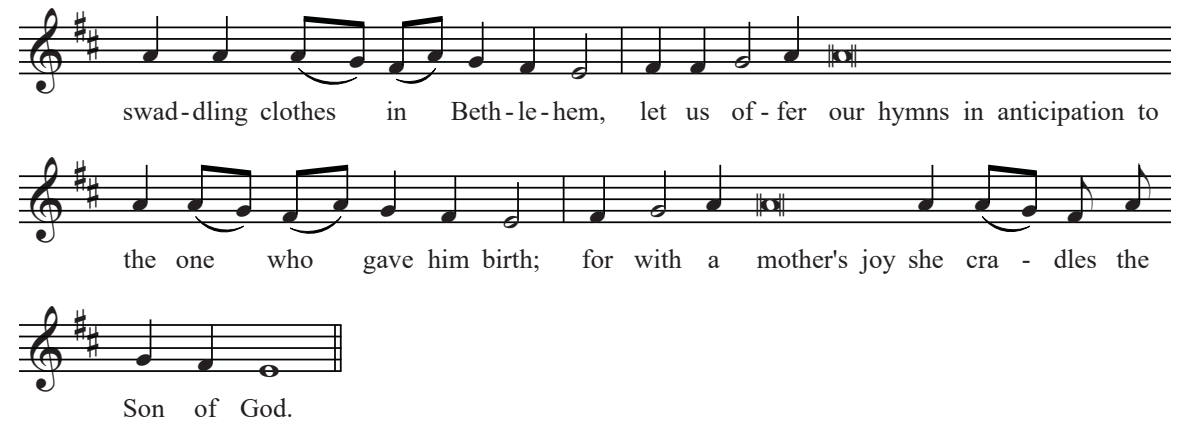


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 2

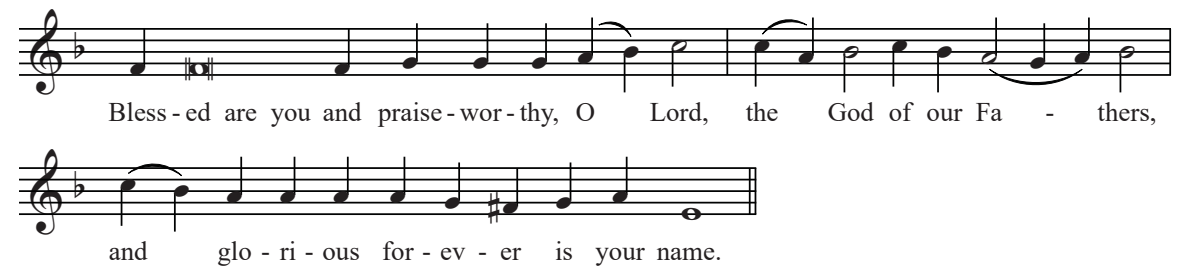


As we see the One who holds the world in his hands now wrapped in



swad - dling clothes in Beth - le - hem, let us of - fer our hymns in anticipation to
the one who gave him birth; for with a mother's joy she cra - dles the
Son of God.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):



Bless - ed are you and praise - wor - thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers,
and glo - ri - ous for - ev - er is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 43:2,8):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: O God, we have heard with our own ears;
our fathers have told us the deed you did in their days.

Verse: You saved us from those who oppressed us; and those who hated us you put to shame.