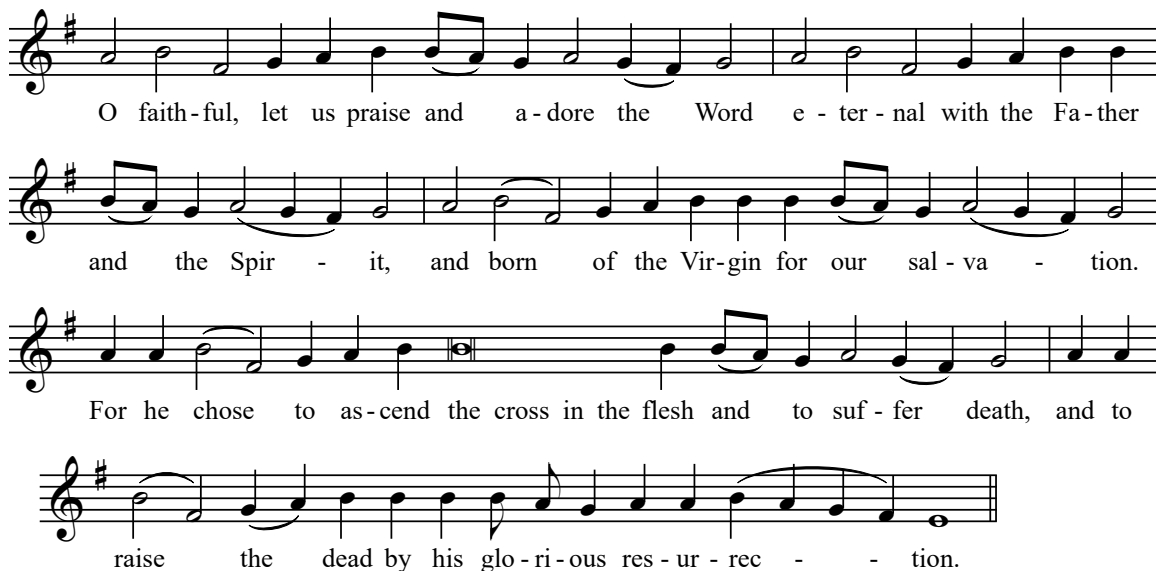


Divine Liturgy, December 20, 2026
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Ancestors

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 5*

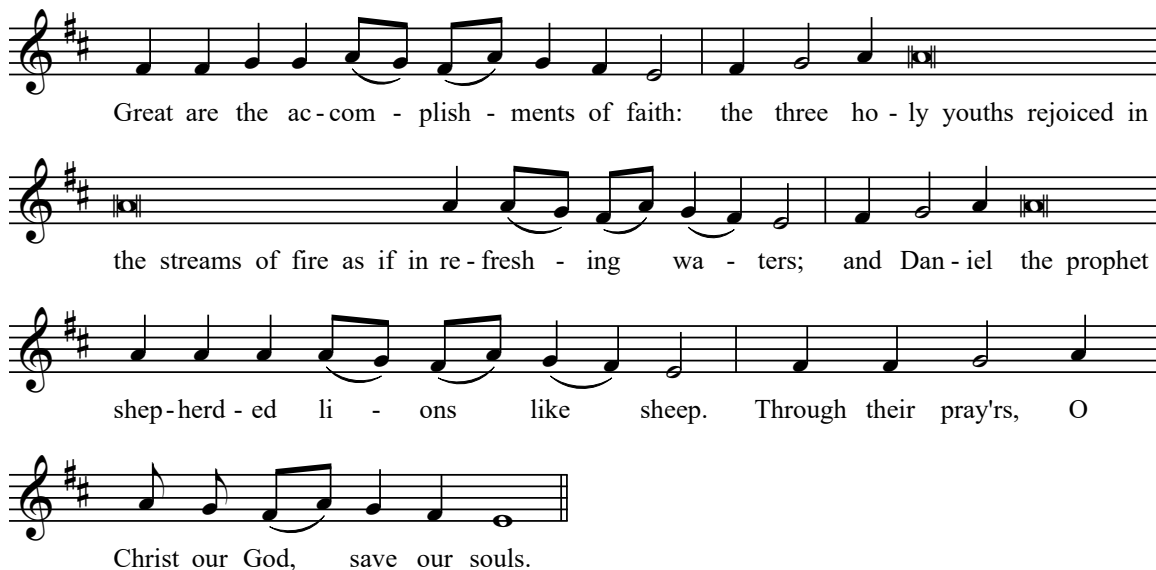
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O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e - ter - nal with the Fa-ther
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal - va - tion.
For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf - fer death, and to
raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

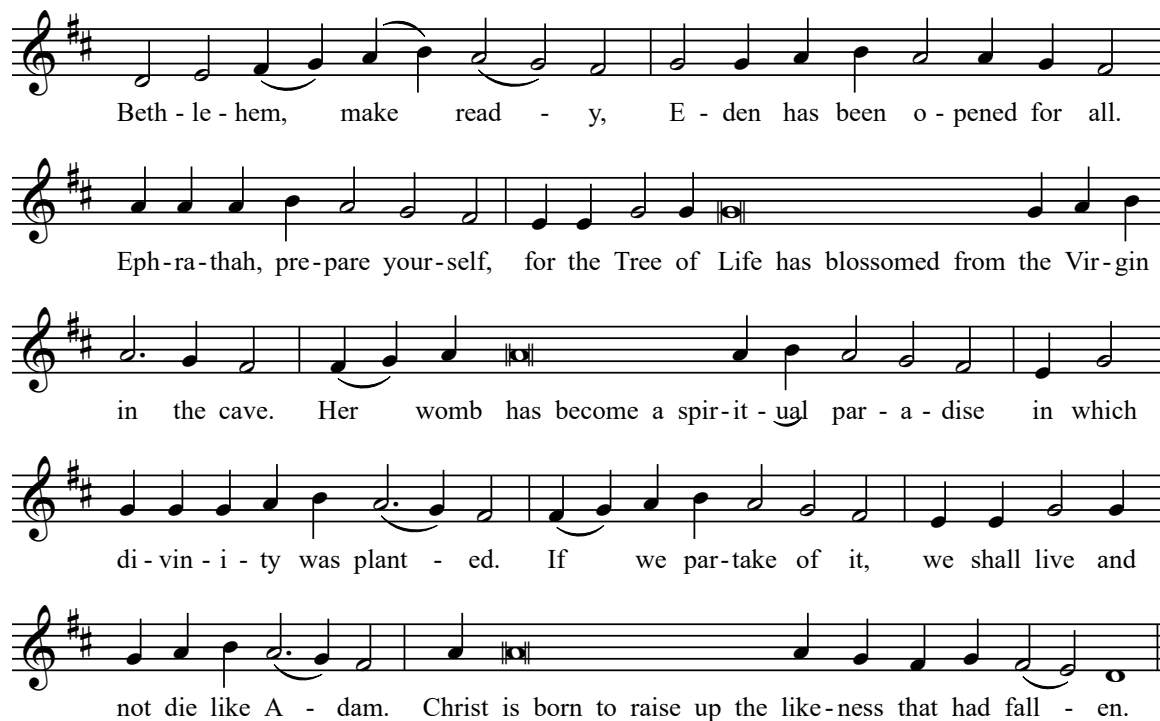
Troparion of the Ancestors - *Tone 2*

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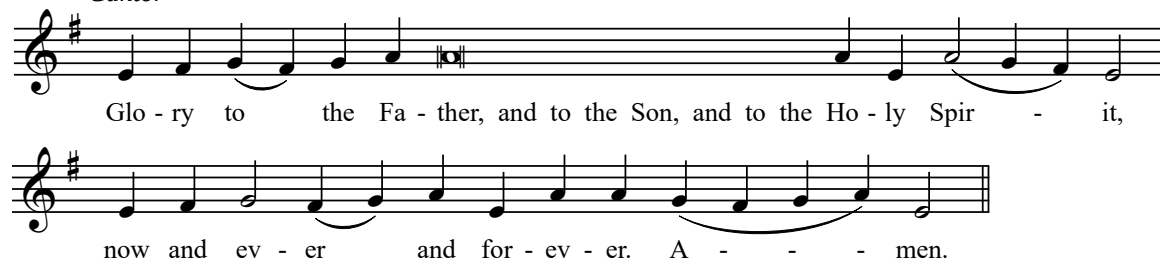
Great are the ac-com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in
the streams of fire as if in re-fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet
shep-herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O
Christ our God, save our souls.

Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4



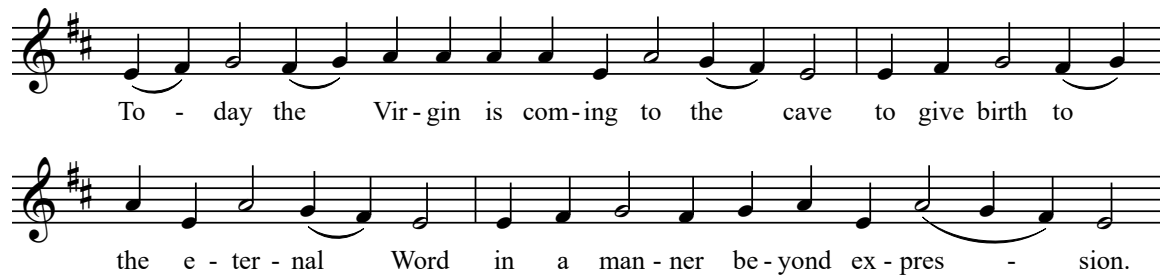
Beth - le - hem, make read - y, E - den has been o - pened for all.
Eph-ra-thah, pre-pare your-self, for the Tree of Life has blossomed from the Vir-gin
in the cave. Her womb has become a spir-it - ual par - a - dise in which
di - vin - i - ty was plant - ed. If we par-take of it, we shall live and
not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

Cantor

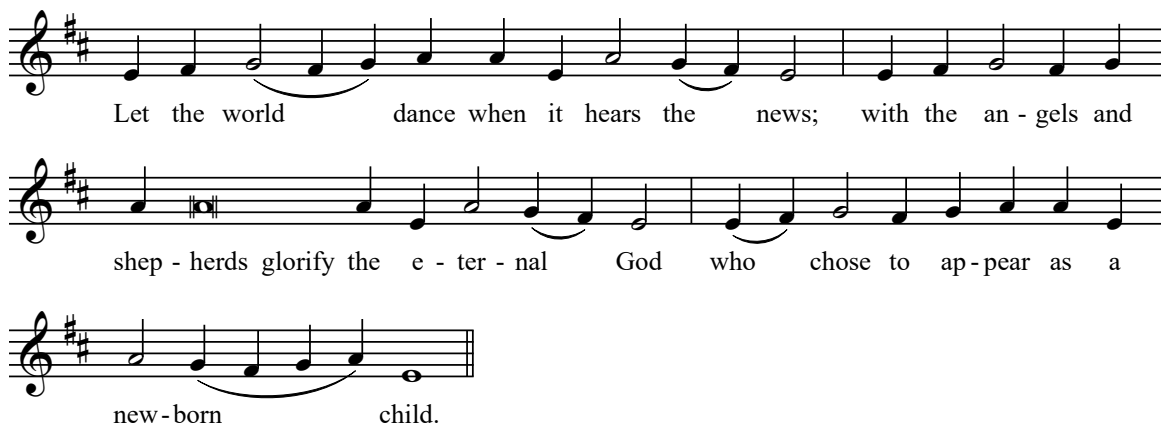


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 3



To - day the Vir-gin is com-ing to the cave to give birth to
the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - sion.



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



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

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



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.

Communion Hymns:

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music on pages 78-81)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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Re - joice in the Lord, you right - eous ones; re - joice in the Lord,

you right - eous ones; praise from the up - right is fit - ting.

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