

**Divine Liturgy, June 24**  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER,**  
**AND BAPTIST JOHN**

**Hymn**

*melody: Pod tvoј pokrov / We hasten to your patronage*



O bless - ed John, the Mas - ter's friend, The Fore - run - ner of Christ,  
You spring from par - ents' bar - ren loins, The Mas - ter's gar - den chaste,  
First came the lamp, and then the Light; First voice, and then the Word.



At Jor - dan's stream, you touched the head Be - yond all na - ture's price.  
The Bap - tist of the Christ, our Lord, And glo - ry of our race.  
The Bridegroom's friend, and then the Groom; His end - less cry is heard:

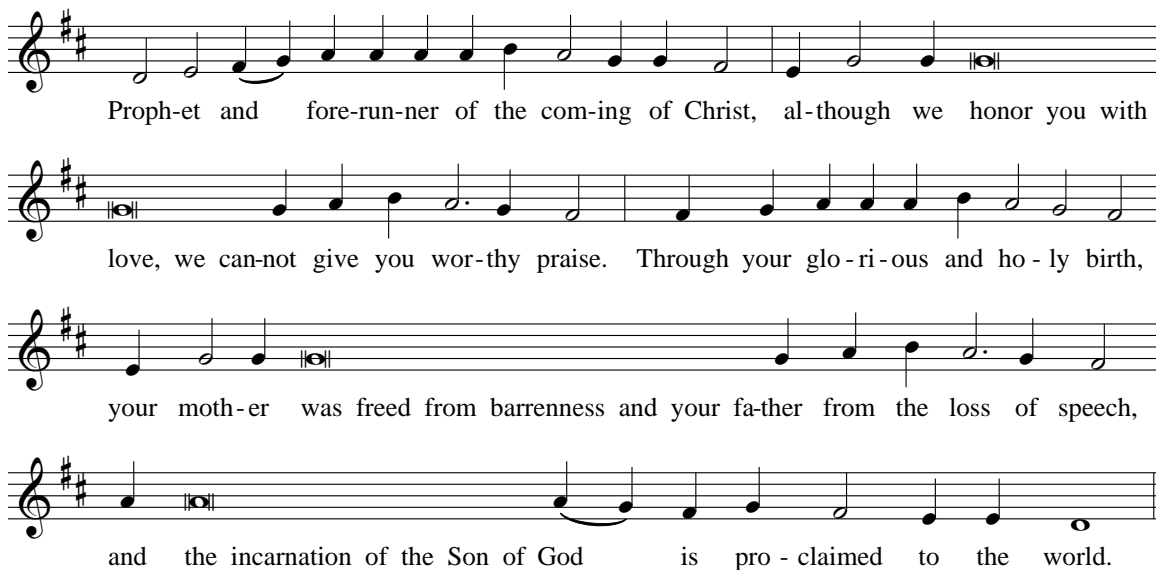


By your sin - cere and con - stant pray'r, Raise my soul to the Lord,  
We praise you, great Fore - run - ner John, O guar - dian of our life:  
Re - pent, O peo - ple, change your ways, The Bridegroom will ap - pear!



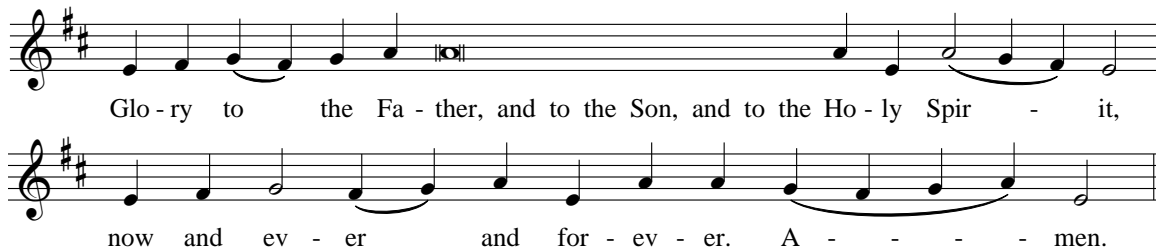
Put out the flames of pas - sion's fire That Christ be e'er a - dored.  
Re - pel the Ser - pent's fierce at - tacks De - fend us in all strife.  
Cast sin a - side, and safe - ly bide, Seek Christ in faith and fear!

**Troparion - Tone 4**



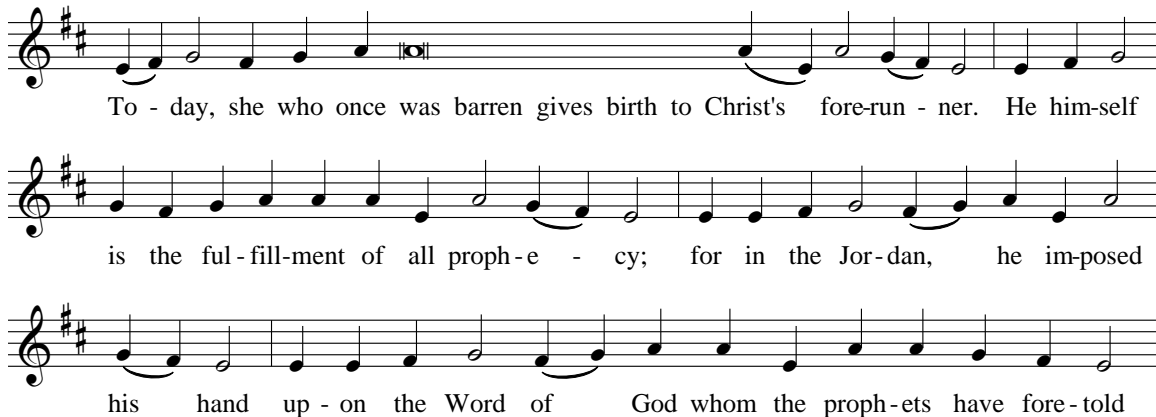
Proph-et and fore-run-ner of the com-ing of Christ, al-though we honor you with  
love, we can-not give you wor-thy praise. Through your glo-ri-ous and ho-ly birth,  
your moth-er was freed from barrenness and your fa-ther from the loss of speech,  
and the incarnation of the Son of God is pro - claimed to the world.

*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 - Tone 3**



To - day, she who once was barren gives birth to Christ's fore-run - ner. He him-self  
is the ful-fill-ment of all proph-e - cy; for in the Jor-dan, he im-posed  
his hand up - on the Word of God whom the proph-ets have fore-told

and was shown to be his proph-et, her-ald, and fore-run - - - ner.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):**

The just man will re-joice in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord  
and will put his trust in him.

**Verse:** Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

**Alleluia - Tone 1 (Luke 1:68,76):**

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

**Verse:** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
for he has visited and brought redemption to his people.

**Verse:** And you, O child, will be called prophet of the Most High.

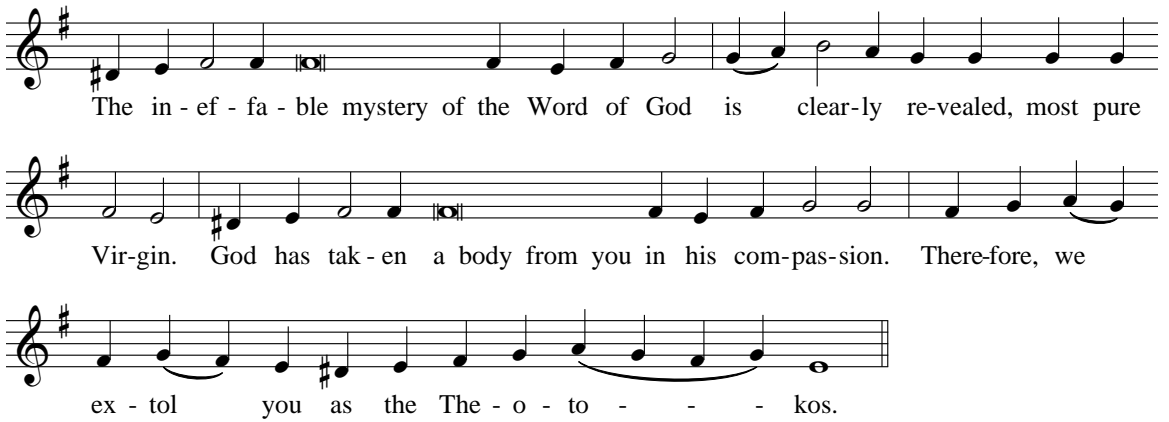
*Instead of* "It is truly proper . . ."

**Magnification:**

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,  
the ho - ly birth of John the Bap-tist and For-run - ner of Christ.

**Irmos**

*Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting:*



The in - ef - fa - ble mystery of the Word of God is clear-ly re-vealed, most pure  
Vir-gin. God has tak - en a body from you in his com-pas-sion. There-fore, we  
ex - tol you as the The - o - to - - - kos.

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):**

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The just man will be re-mem-bered for-ev - er; e - vil news he  
will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. *Refrain* Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!