

Apolytikion for the Forefeast. Mode 4. $V_u=E$.

Soft Chromatic **E**

8 O Beth-le-hem, pre - pare, E-den is o-pened un-to all. And be

8 read-y, Eph-ra - ta, for the Tree of life has in the grot-to blos-somed

8 forth from the Vir - gin. In - deed her womb is shown to be

8 spir-it - u - al - ly a Par-a-dise, in which is found the God - plant-ed

8 Tree. And if we eat from it we shall live, and shall not die, as did

8 Ad-am of old. Christ is born, so that He might raise up the

8 for-mer-ly fall-en im - age.