

# Forefeast of Theophany

## Matins

For the Praises \*\* *Ye angelic hosts* \*\* (Αἱ ἀγγελικαί)

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**Y**e an-gel-ic hosts, go ye on the way be-fore us; make your  
way from Beth-le-hem to the Riv-er Jor-dan; and come  
forth, O thou Bap-tist John, a-ban-don the wil-der-ness. Make  
read-y, O riv-er, and re-joice, and let all the earth be filled with  
glad-ness, for Christ com-eth now and purg-eth Ad-am's sin a-  
way, since He is com-pas-sion-ate.

Come ye, with pure mouths and with souls made clean, and let us  
mystic'ly leave Beth - le - hem, tak - ing forth our jour - ney; and  
as we go with Christ un - to the Jor - dan with ea - ger haste,  
let us sing to Him now, O ye tribes of the earth, with joy and ju -  
bi - la - tion, as we say in faith: Bless - ed art Thou Who art now  
come, our God, - glo - ry be to Thee.

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**D**read - ful is the mys - t'ry and great be - yond all tell - ing! For the  
 Most High God \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ be - come like un - to man - kind; and now  
 He Who is in - no - cent and know - eth no sin at all com - eth  
 forth and ask - eth to \_\_\_\_\_ be bap - tized of John with - in the Jor - dan Riv -  
 er on this ho - ly day. Bless - ed art Thou Who hast \_\_\_\_\_ ap - peared; our  
 God, - glo - ry be to \_\_\_\_\_ Thee.

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**O** f a Vir - gin born as the Flow - er sprung from Da - vid, Christ our  
 God is come \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the wa - ters of the Jor - dan, \_\_\_\_\_ to wash a -  
 way with - in its floods the sins \_\_\_\_\_ of our an - ces - tor. \_\_\_\_\_ Dance for  
 joy, O Ad - am; Eve, \_\_\_\_\_ be glad; and let Heav - en now de - light \_\_\_\_\_ and glo -  
 ry; \_\_\_\_\_ let us na - tions say: \_\_\_\_\_ Bless - ed art Thou Who art \_\_\_\_\_ now come; our  
 God, - glo - ry be to \_\_\_\_\_ Thee. \_\_\_\_\_