

JUNE 24

*Nativity of
Saint John the Baptist*



HYMN

The Great Forerunner of the Morn



1. The great fore - run - ner of the morn, the
2. With heav'n - ly mes - sage Ga - briel came, that
3. John, still un - born, yet gave a - right his
4. Of wo - man born shall nev - er be a



1. her - ald of the Word, is born; and faith - ful hearts shall
2. John should be the her - ald's name, and with pro - phet - ic
3. wit - ness to the com - ing light; and Christ, the Sun of
4. great - er proph - et than was he, whose might - y deeds ex -



1. nev - er fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.
2. ut - t'rance told his ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
3. all the earth, ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
4. alt his fame to great - er than a proph - et's name.

Text: *Praecursor altus luminis*; St. Bede the Venerable, 673-735; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866.
Music: WINCHESTER NEW, LM.

Psalm 146

Antiphon John, the forerunner of the Lord, was born of an old and childless couple.

1. Oh praise the Lord, my heart and soul! My whole life,
2. Cre - a - tor of the teem - ing sea, of heav - en

give God praise! Do not de - pend on earth - ly kings, the
and of earth, the Lord keeps faith for - ev - er - more, and

dead they can - not raise. They die, they turn to dust that
knows the pau - per's worth. God heals the blind, makes straight the

day, their plans are brought to nought; how wise those
bent, con - soles the griev - ing soul, pro - tects the

who de - pend on God, who look to Ja - cob's lot.
stran - ger, loves the just. Praise God who makes us whole.

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Ephesians 1:3–10

Please stand for this canticle of praise.

TONE 2



Antiphon There is no one **born** of women
greater than **John** the Baptist.

2 Choirs

Bless God, the Father of our Lord **J**esus Christ,
who blessed us from heaven through Christ
with every blessing **of** the spirit.

Before laying the **world's** foundation,
God chose us in Christ
to live a pure and **holy** life.

God determined **out** of love
to adopt us through **J**esus Christ
for the praise and glory **of** that grace
granted us in **the** Beloved.

By Christ's blood we **were** redeemed,
our sins forgiven
through extrav**agant** love.

With perfect wis**dom** and insight
God freely displayed the mystery
of what was al**ways** intended:
a plan for the full**ness** of time
to unite the entire un**iverse** through Christ.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Antiphon Zechariah entered the temple of the Lord, and the angel Gabriel appeared to him, standing on the right of the altar of incense.



1. Sing with glad - ness o - ver - flow - ing; all my be - ing,
2. Gra - cious is our God all - ho - ly, ev - er mind - ful
3. Gath - 'ring ev - 'ry ser - vant hum - ble, scat - t'ring all the
4. Faith - ful is our God for - ev - er, as the proph - ets



1. bless God's name! Mar - vels yet be - yond our know - ing
2. of our need, who, with mer - cy for the low - ly,
3. proud of heart, lift - ing up the frail who stum - ble,
4. long fore - told, prom - is - es for - sak - ing nev - er,



1. fu - ture a - ges will pro - claim. Sing your prais - es
2. would the faint - ing hun - gry feed. Fa - vor - ing my
3. let - ting might - y ones de - part, grant - ing weak - ness
4. wit - nessed by the saints of old. Keep - ing trust e -



1. might - i - ly! God has done great things for me!
2. pov - er - ty, God has done great things for me!
3. vic - to - ry, God has done great things for me!
4. ter - nal - ly, God has done great things for me!

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INTERCESSIONS
OUR FATHER
CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN

The Angel's Promise



1. The an - gel's prom - ise to a speech-less fa - ther
2. The rug - ged des - ert yields the reed un - shak - en,
3. John cries re - pen - tance to a watch - ful peo - ple,
4. This hum - ble ser - vant, least of all the King - dom,
5. Do - min - ion breaks forth, ra - di - ant God's fa - vor,



1. comes to ful - fill - ment for a bar - ren moth - er:
2. voice of the Com - ing, prom - ised by I - sai - ah:
3. and by bap - tiz - ing leads them through the Jor - dan:
4. strong with the pow - er prom - ised for E - li - jah,
5. meet - ing of u - nion, Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it.



1. John is the child's name, proph - et of the
2. "Fill ev - 'ry val - ley, lev - el ev - 'ry
3. wa - ter of wait - ing, for the fire and
4. pours out the Spir - it on the Son Be -
5. So let us praise God, Lab - y - rinth of



1. Most High, hope of the King - dom.
2. moun - tain," sound of the King - dom.
3. Spir - it born of the King - dom.
4. lov - ed, Lamb of the King - dom.
5. Mys - t'ry, Lord of the King - dom.

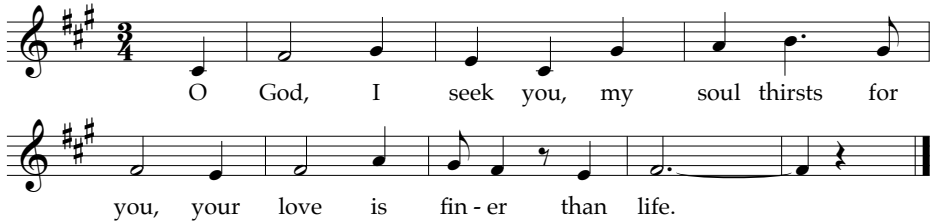
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PSALMODY (*be seated*)

Psalm 63

Antiphon You shall name the child John, and many will rejoice at his birth.

REFRAIN



O God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for
you, your love is fin - er than life.

1. As a dry and weary desert land,
so my soul is thirsting for my God,
and my flesh is faint for the God I seek,
for your love is more to me than life.
2. I think of you when at night I rest,
I reflect upon your steadfast love,
I will cling to you, O Lord my God,
in the shadow of your wings I sing.
3. I will bless your name all the days I live,
I will raise my hands and call on you,
my joyful lips shall sing your praise,
you alone have filled my hungry soul.

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Daniel 3:56–88

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Antiphon In the spirit and power **of** Elijah,
he will go before the Lord to prepare a people
worthy of him.

2 Choirs

Bless God beyond the stars.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, heaven and earth.
Give praise and glory for ever.

Bless God, angels of God.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, highest heavens.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, waters above.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, spirits of God.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, sun and moon.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, stars of heaven.
Give praise and glory for ever.

Bless God, rainstorm and dew.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, gales and winds.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, fire and heat.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, frost and cold.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, dew and snow.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, ice and cold.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, frost and sleet.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, night and day.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, light and darkness.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, lightning and clouds.
Give praise and glory for ever.

Bless God, earth and sea.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, mountains and hills.
Give **praise** and glory.

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TONE 1



Bless God, **trees** and plants.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, **fountains** and
springs.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, **rivers** and seas.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, **fishes** and whales.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, birds **of** the air.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, beasts **of** the earth.
Give praise and glory for ever.

Bless God, **children** of earth.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, **Israel**.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, **priests** of God.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, **servants** of God.
Give **praise** and glory.

Bless God, just and faithful souls.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, holy and humble
hearts.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, Hananiah,
Azariah, and Mishael.
Give praise and glory for ever.

Bless God **beyond** the stars.
Give **praise** and glory.
Bless God, **heaven** and earth.
Give praise and glory for ever.



PSALMODY DOXOLOGY

TONE 1



All (bow) Glory to the Father, and **to** the Son,
and to the **Holy** Spirit:
(upright) as it was in **the** beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

READING (*be seated*)

RESPONSORY

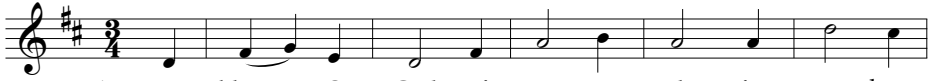
TONE 1



Cantor He will be great in the eyes **of** the Lord
and he will be filled with the **Holy** Spirit.
All He will go before the Lord to prepare a people
worthy of him.
And he will be filled with the **Holy** Spirit.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*stand*)

Antiphon The mouth of Zechariah was opened, and he spoke this prophecy: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.



1. Be blest, O God of Is - ra - el, for you have
2. So you are faith - ful to your word, the prom - ise
3. Then let us go be - fore the Lord as proph - ets
4. You bring the ris - ing sun to us, and jus - tice
5. So let us praise the liv - ing God who leads us



1. come to set us free, just as you prom - ised from
2. made to a - ges past: that we might serve you free
3. to pre - pare the way, an - nounc - ing mer - cy from
4. that will nev - er cease. You res - cue us from death's
5. out from dark of night. Let grate - ful hearts give thanks



1. of old to save us from the en - e - my.
2. from fear as long as life and time shall last.
3. our God: the dawn of ev - er - last - ing day.
4. de - spair and guide our feet in paths of peace.
5. for love that brings us once a - gain to light.

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