

Troparion, Tone 4

Prefeast of the Nativity of Christ

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Court Chant

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A

Make read-y, O Beth-le-hem, E-den hath been o-pened un-to all.

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B

Pre-pare, O Eph-ra-tha, for the Tree of life hath blossomed in the cave from

the Vir-gin. For her womb proved to be a spiritual par-a-dise,

wherefrom there came the Di-vine Plant, whereof eating we shall live

and not die like Ad - - - am; Christ is born

The first system of music consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a style with a high vocal range. The lyrics are: "and not die like Ad - - - am; Christ is born". The word "Ad" is followed by three dashes, indicating a long note. There is an accent mark (>) above the word "Christ".

to raise the image that fell of old.

The second system of music continues the melody on two staves, treble and bass clef, in the same key signature. The lyrics are: "to raise the image that fell of old.". The system ends with a double bar line.