

**Divine Liturgy Propers, February 24**  
**First and Second Finding of the Head of John the Baptist**

Hymn

*melody: Pod tvoj pokrov*



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:

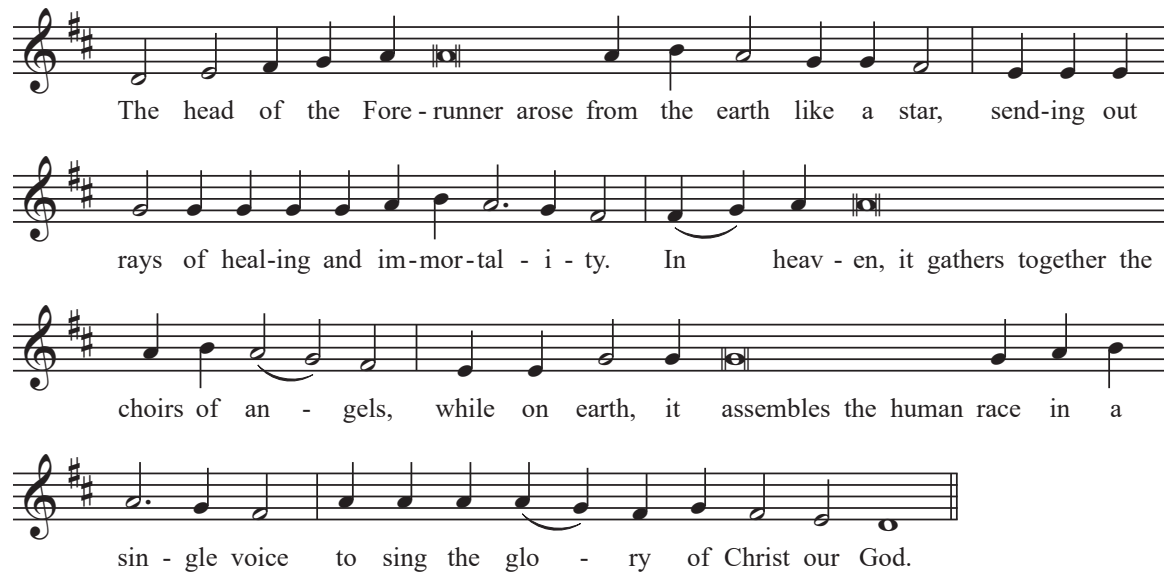


By your sin - cere and con - stant pray'r, raise my soul to the Lord,  
We praise you, great Fore - run - ner John, O guar - dian of our life:  
Re - pent, O peo - ple, change your ways, the Bridegroom will ap - pear!



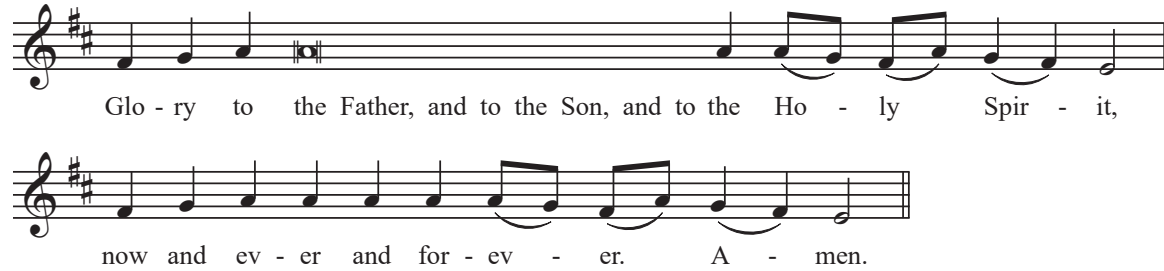
Put out the flames of pas - sion's fire that Christ be e'er a - dored.  
Re - pel the Ser - pent's fierce at - tacks de - fend us in all strife.  
Cast sin a - side, and safe - ly bide, seek Christ in faith and fear!

**Troparion of the Baptist- Tone 4**



The head of the Fore-runner arose from the earth like a star, send-ing out  
 rays of heal-ing and im-mor-tal - i - ty. In heav - en, it gathers together the  
 choirs of an - gels, while on earth, it assembles the human race in a  
 sin - gle voice to sing the glo - ry of Christ our God.

*Cantor*

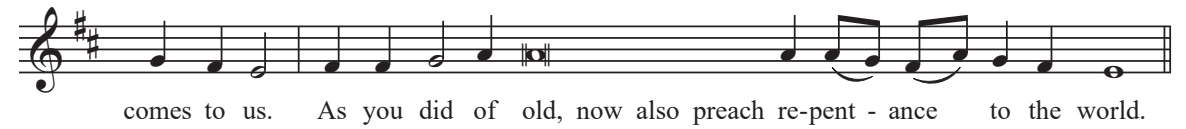


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion of the Baptist - Tone 2**



O proph-et of God and fore-run - ner of grace, with-in the earth we have  
 dis-cov - ered your head, a rose of great holiness from which heal-ing al - ways



comes to us. As you did of old, now also preach re-pent - ance to the world.

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



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

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

**Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13; 84:12):**



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

*Verse:* The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

*Verse:* Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

**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  
*Refrain*  
 will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!