Maternity of Holy Anna

DECEMBER 8 OR 9

1. All Christ's faithful come together joining here in joyful song,
2. See this mystery: all God's people are in this conception blessed;
3. Praise the Father, source of being; praise Christ Jesus, God the Son;

Giving God all thanks and honor that the vessel (planned so long)
For in Mary's sinless body, God's own Son would take His rest.
Praise the Spirit, font of blessing; glory to the Three-in-One!

In the womb of mother Anna now is blessedly conceived,
Saved by Jesus, Mary models how we, too, may keep God's Word;
Joined as one with sinless Mary and the saints and angels' throng,

Sinless kept at her conception through the Father's grace received.
Focused on obedient witness, faithful to the Gospel heard.
Let us raise to God most loving here on earth our joyful song!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast
Melody: Mother of God (JMT)