

TUESDAY



1. O bles - sed John, the Mas - ter's friend, the Fore - run - ner of Christ,
2. You spring from pa - rents' bar - ren loins, the Mas - ter's gar - den chaste,
3. 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 Bride-groom'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 Bride-groom 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!

Text: JMT, based on the Vespers stichera at Psalm 140 from the common of the Forerunner

Melody: *Forest Green*