SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

1. Thus says the Lord: "I send before you
2. "For after me, Another is coming,
3. For those who wait the manifestation

My messenger, your way to prepare!
Mightier than I, our God's only Son;
Of Jesus Christ, that day will shine

Now hear the voice of someone shouting:
He will baptize with God's Holy Spirit,
and crowns of righteousness and glory

"Make for the Lord a path straight and fair!
And with Them both is truly One!
Wait there for all of Abraham's line!

Refrain

For One is coming, greater than I;
Come and repent!" was John the Baptist's cry!

Text: JMT, based on Mark 1: 1-8
Melody: Kol'slaven naš / How great is God (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)