Nativity of the Theotokos

SEPTEMBER 8

1. With the choirs of saints and angels, let the church be joined as one,
2. On this solemn, joyful feast day let us sing a song of praise,
3. Glory now to God the Father, who has made us for his own;

Binding earth to highest heaven, praising Jesus, Mary's Son,
Thanking God for Mary's witness faith-ful kept through all her days.
Glory now to Christ our Savior, who has raised us to his throne;

Son of God - the Father's glory who took flesh that we might be
From her birth to blessed Anna, Mary listened to God's Word,
Glory now to God the Spirit, who renews us in His grace:

Reconciled, reborn, forgiven, from the pow'r of sin set free.
And (when summoned by the angel) lived in faith what she had heard.
Laud and honor, never ceasing, be to God from all our race!

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Melody: Mother of God (JMT)