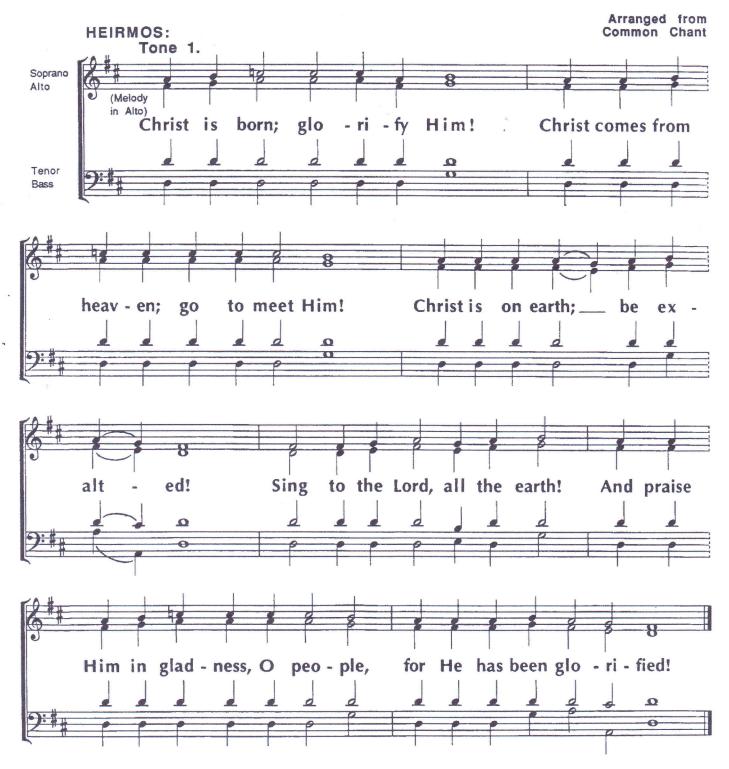
## The Nativity of Our Lord

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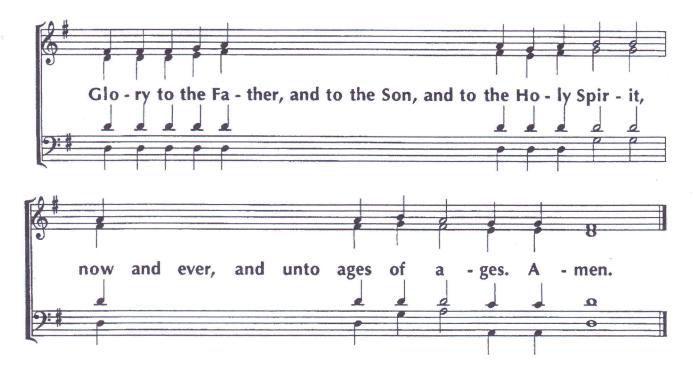


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- **READER:** Man was made in the image of God, but he sinned, and lost immortality. He fell from the divine and better life, enslaved completely by corruption. Now the wise Creator fashions him again, for He has been glorified!
- **REFRAIN:** Glory to Thee, our God; glory to Thee!
- **READER:** The Creator shaped man with His own hands, but when He saw us perishing eternally, he bowed the heavens and came down to earth, and clothed Himself completely in our nature, truly incarnate from a pure and holy Virgin, for He has been glorified!
- **REFRAIN:** Glory to Thee, our God; glory to Thee!
- **READER:** Wisdom, and Word, and Power, Christ our God is the Father's Son, His Radiance. He was made man -- a mystery concealed from every spirit above or on the earth. He has won us for Himself, for He has been glorified!



KATAVASIA: Christ is born, glorify Him...



- **READER:** Adam was made from dust, yet he shared God's life-giving breath. He was deceived by woman and fell, but from the dead, he saw Christ born of woman. He exclaimed, "For my sake Thou hast become like me! Holy art Thou, O Lord!"
- **REFRAIN:** Glory to Thee, our God; glory to Thee!
- **READER:** Thou hast assumed a body of lowly clay, O Christ. By sharing our humble flesh, Thou hast made our race partakers of divinity. By becoming mortal man yet remaining God, Thou hast raised us from death to life. Holy art Thou, O Lord!
- **REFRAIN:** Glory to Thee, our God; glory to Thee!
- **READER:** Make merry, O Bethlehem! You are the King of Judah's princes. Christ, the Shepherd of Israel, Who rides on the shoulders of the Cherubim, has come forth from you for all to see. He has raised us from death to life, and reigns over all.

