

FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

Troparion - Tone 4

Abbreviated Greek Chant
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Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been o - pened

to all! A - dorn thyself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life
yourself,

blossoms forth from the Vir - gin in the cave! Her womb is

a spiritual paradise planted with the Di - vine Fruit; if we

eat of It, we shall live forever and not die like Ad - am. //

Christ is born to raise up again what fell in former times,

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The text reads: "Christ is born to raise up again what fell in former times,". The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the text.

His im - age.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The text reads: "His im - age.". The music continues from the first system, with a fermata over the word "im" in the treble staff and a similar mark in the bass staff.