dismissal hymn for the forefeast
of Christ's nativity

*Fourth Tone. Joseph was amazed*

©2002 Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA

**Note:** See page 3 for the final ending for this hymn.
On this day, the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the glad-some tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Final Ending:

©2002 Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA
As the fruit of David's seed, Mary was registered of old with the Elder Joseph in the little town of Bethlehem, when she conceived with a seedless and pure conception. Behold, the time was come that she should bear her Child, but no place was found within the inn for them; yet the cave proved a delightful palace for the pure Lady and Queen of all. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.