O prophet and Foreunner of Christ God’s coming to us, all we who with longing now exalt thee are at a loss to honor our thee worthily. For thy mother’s barrenness and father’s long silence, by thine renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.
She that once was barren doth today bring forth Christ's Forerunner, John, the culmination and the crown of all of the Prophets. For when he, in River Jordan, laid his hand on Him Whom the Prophets preached aforetime, he was revealed as God the Word's forechosen Prophet, His mighty preacher, and His Forerunner in grace.