dismissal hymn for the prefestival
of the birth of the theotokos

Fourth Tone. Joseph was amazed

From the root of Jesse and the loins of David the great king, Mary, the child of God, is born for our sake on this day. Hence, all creation exulteth on its renewal. Both Heaven and the earth rejoice together now. Praise her, O ye tribes of nations here below.

The righteous Joachim rejoiceth, and Anna keepeth feast, crying out: The barren beareth the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

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In the Immaterial Spirit, the whole world hath been mystically adorned on thine august Nativity; and it doth cry to thee joyously: Rejoice, O Virgin, thou boast of the Christian race.