

Prefeast of the Nativity of Christ

Troparion

December 20-23

Byzantine Chant, Tone 4


Christopher Holwey

Special Melody, *Joseph was amazed*



^{Ison} Make read - y, O Beth - le - hem; for E-den hath been o-pened for all.

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Pre-pare, O Eph - ra - tha; for the Tree of life hath blos-somed forth

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in the cave from the Vir - gin; for her womb did ap-

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pear as a su-per-sen-su-al par - a-dise, in which is plant - ed the di-

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vine Plant, where-of eat - ing we shall live and not

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die as Ad - am. Ver - i - ly, Christ shall be

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born, rais - ing the like - ness that fell of old.