

## Hail, harbinger of morn

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thou that art this day born,  
and heraldest the Word with clarion voice!  
Ye faithful ones, in him  
behold the dawning dim  
of the bright day, and let your hearts rejoice.

John--by that chosen name  
to call him, Gabriel came  
by God's appointment from his home on high:  
what deeds that babe should do  
to manhood when he grew,  
God sent his Angel forth to testify.

There is none greater, none,  
than Zechariah's son;  
than this no mightier prophet hath been born:  
of prophets he may claim  
more than a prophet's fame;  
sublimier deeds than theirs his brow adorn.

"Lo, to prepare thy way,"  
did God the Father say,  
"Before thy face my messenger I send,  
thy coming to forerun;  
as on the orient sun  
doth the bright daystar morn by morn attend."

Praise therefore God most high;  
praise him who came to die  
for us, his Son that liveth evermore;  
and to the Spirit raise,  
the Comforter, like praise,  
while time endureth, and when time is o'er.