He who was slow of speech, having been covered with divine darkness, gave utterance unto the divinely written law; for, having shaken off the mire from his noetic eyes, he beheld Him Who Is and learned the understanding of the Spirit, uttering praise with divine hymns.
Of old, the mere prayer to the mighty God of understandings by Hannah the Prophetess, who bore a contrite spirit, broke the bonds of her barren womb and the reproach of the childbearing, which was hard to bear.
O Word, Thou King of kings, only Like of Like, Who cam'est forth from the un-caused Father, Thou didst unerringly send forth Thy Spirit, equal to Thee in might, unto the apostles who chant:

Glory to Thy dominion, O Lord!
Ora diant children of the Church, receive ye the fiery dew of the Spirit, the delivering cleansing of sins; for now from Sion hath gone forth the law, the grace of the Spirit in tongues of fire.
O Christ Master, our purification and salvation,

Thou didst shine forth from the Virgin, that Thou mightest rescue Adam

from corruption, in whose fall our whole race fell, as Thou didst save

the prophet Jonah from the belly of the sea monster.
The melo-dious music of instruments sound-ed forth, calling men to worship

the inanimate idol wrought of gold; but the ra-di-ant grace of the Com-for-ter
doth inspire with reverence to cry out: O only Trinity, Who art equal

in power and equally without beginning, bless-ed art Thou!
We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord; praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages. The thrice-radiant image of the God-head looseth bonds and bedeweth the flame; and all of fashioned creation blesseth as its Benefactor the one Savior and Accomplisher of all.
Re-joice, O Queen, thou glory of mothers and vir - gins! For even the most
skillful and divinely el - o - quent mouth is not a - ble to hymn thee
as is meet; and every mind is at a loss to understand thy birth-giv-ing.

Wherefore, together we glo - ri - fy thee.

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