

2. Who shall declare the Lord's wonders?¹

What mind, or speech, or hearing is there
that is equal to the ineffable sea of mercifulness?

The Only One, who before all the ages
was born in Divine fashion
bodiless from the Only One:
the Word of the Father,

He was born alone from a mother
alone in flesh and in bodily fashion;
Who by His birth did not destroy His mother's virginity
and so showed her to be the *Theotokos*,
since He Himself was not changed
when He willed to become man.

O, the depth of the riches and of the wisdom of God!²
The womb, condemned to bear children in pain,³
Became a spring of immortality;
which conceived and bore Emmanuel without seed,
and by the incorruptible delivery
loosened the bond of our race:

Let us all praise, and let us say:

'Incomprehensible Lord of all, praise be to Thee!'

¹ Ps 106:2

² Rom 11:33

³ Gen 3:16