Kontakion of the Nativity of Christ

Original Mel: “On this day the Virgin”, Tone Three

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in essence; to the Unapproachable,
the earth doth offer a small cave; Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory;
with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; for our sakes is born a young Child, He that existed before the ages as God.
Bethlehem has opened Eden: come, and let us see.
We have found joy in secret:
come, and let us take possession of the paradise that is within the cave.
There the unwatered Root has appeared, from which forgiveness flowers forth:
there is found the undug Well, whence David longed to drink of old.
There the Virgin has borne a Babe, and made the thirst of Adam and David to cease straightway.
Therefore let us hasten to this place where now is born a young Child,
He that existed before the ages as God.