

THE GREAT FORERUNNER OF THE MORN

1. The great fore - run - ner of the morn, The her - ald
 2. With heav'n - ly mes - sage Ga - briel came, That John should
 3. His might - y deeds ex - alt his fame To great - er

1. of the Word, is born; And faith - ful hearts shall
 2. be that her - ald's name, And with pro - phet - ic
 3. than a proph - et's name; Of wom - an - born shall

1. nev - er fail With thanks and praise his light to hail.
 2. ut - t'rance told His ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
 3. nev - er be A great - er proph - et than was he.

Text: LM; *Praecursor altus luminis*; St. Bede the Venerable, 673–735; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
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