Sunday after the Nativity; St. Stephen, First Martyr

First Antiphon:
I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord,* I will tell all your marvels.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies,* great are the works of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

They are sought* in order to accomplish his will.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be . . . now and forever . . . : Only Begotten Son . . .

Third Antiphon:
Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Christmas Tropar, Tone 4:
Your birth, O Christ our God,* has shed upon the world the light of knowledge;* for through it, those who worshipped the stars* have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice,* and to recognize You as the Orient from on high.* Glory be to You, O Lord!

Tropar of St. Joseph, Tone 2:
O Joseph, announce to David, ancestor of Christ,* the good news of these wonders you have seen:* a Virgin giving birth to a Child;* with the shepherds you have glorified Him;* with the wise men you have worshipped Him;* and an angel appeared to you.* Ask Christ to save our souls.

Glory Be ..., Tone 3:
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Kondak of Christmas, Tone 3:
Today the Virgin gives birth to Perfect Essence,* and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.* The angels sing his glory with the shepherds,* the wise men journey with the star,* for there is born for us an infant child, God Eternal.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kondak of St. Stephen, Tone 3:
Yesterday the Lord came to us in the flesh,* today his servant departs from this life.* Yesterday the King was born as a man,* and today his servant is stoned to death.* It is for His sake, that the first martyr* and holy Stephen gives up his life.

Prokimen, Tone 4:
God is wonderful in His saints;* the God of Israel.

verse: *Bless God in your choirs,* bless the Lord, you who spring from Israel.*

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Epistle: *Galatians (1:11-19)*

Alleluia Verses:

Remember, O Lord, for David all his anxious care.*

How he swore to the Lord, vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob.*

Gospel: *Matthew 2:13-23*

Instead of 'Indeed, it is fitting . . .':
My soul, praise Christ the King* born in a cave.* Behold a strange and wonderful mystery:* the cave has become heaven,* the Virgin a throne of the Cherubim,* and the manger a noble place where Christ our God reposes.* Wherefore let us praise and exalt Him!.

Communion Verses:
Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.
Exult, you just, in the Lord;* praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

Instead of 'Blessed is He…':
The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of 'We have seen…':
The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of 'May our mouths…':
The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3x)

Instead of 'Blessed be the name…':
The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3x)