

# The Great Forerunner

Words: The Venerable Bede (673–735); tr. John Mason Neale  
 Music: Ut queant laxis, 12th century  
 Arranged: Stuart D. Gathman

♩ = 90

**System 1:** Chords: Dm, C, Dm, C. Lyrics: The great fore - run - - - ner of the morn,  
 With heaven - ly mes - - - sage Ga - - briel came,  
 John, still un - born, yet gave a - right  
 His might - y deeds ex - alt his fame  
 To God the Fa - - - ther, God the Son,

**System 2:** Chords: Am, C, C, F, F, Dm, Dm. Lyrics: the her - - ald of the Word, is born;  
 that John - - should be that her - - ald's name,  
 his wit - - ness to the com - - ing light;  
 to great - - er than a pro - - phet's name;  
 and God the Spi - - rit, Three in One,

**System 3:** Chords: C, F, Dm, F, F, Am, Am. Lyrics: and faith - - ful hearts shall nev - - er fail  
 and with pro - - phet - ic ut - - terance told  
 and Christ, the Sun of all the earth,  
 of wo - - man born shall nev - - er be  
 praise, hon - - or, might, and glo - - ry be

**System 4:** Chords: G, Dm, C, Dm, Dm. Lyrics: with thanks and praise his light to hail.  
 his ac - tions great and man - i - fold.  
 ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.  
 a great - er pro - phet than was he.  
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.