

December 7: St Ambrose of Milan

Litia Theotokion

Tone 3

S
A

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T
B

the Mo - ther of God. For, lo! she cometh to thee, bearing the in - fant Christ,

Who with the Fa - ther and the Spirit is ever equally without be - gin - ning.

To Him shall she give birth in the cave,

and yet shall remain a Virgin e - ven af - ter giv - ing birth.

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Tenor (T) voices. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are in English and describe the Nativity scene. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are: "O Beth - lehem, make ready to greet the Vir - gin Ma - ry, the Mo - ther of God. For, lo! she cometh to thee, bearing the in - fant Christ, Who with the Fa - ther and the Spirit is ever equally without be - gin - ning. To Him shall she give birth in the cave, and yet shall remain a Virgin e - ven af - ter giv - ing birth."