

THE GREAT FORERUNNER OF THE MORN

B \flat Eb F B \flat Eb F Csus4 C F

1. The great fore-run-ner of the morn, The her-ald of the Word, is born; And
 2. With heav'n-ly mes-sage Ga-briel came, That John should be that her-ald's name, And
 3. His might-y deeds ex-alt his fame To great-er than a proph-et's name; Of

B \flat Gm Cm F B \flat Eb B \flat Fsus4 F B \flat

1. faith-ful hearts shall nev-er fail With thanks and praise his light to hail.
 2. with pro-phet-ic ut-t'rance told His ac-tions great and man-i-fold.
 3. wom-an-born shall nev-er be A great-er proph-et than was he.

Note: When guitar and keyboard play together, keyboardists should improvise using the guitar chords above the melody.

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

Music: WINCHESTER NEW; Georg Wittwe's *Musikalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870; arr. by William H. Monk, 1823–1899, alt.