The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for thee, O Fore-runner. Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets, for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they fore-told.

[Therefore, having suffered...]

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Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, thou didst proclaim to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh, // who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.