

# “O strange wonder...”

«Ὁ τοῦ παραδόξου...»

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Plagal of Fourth Mode*

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O strange won - der! O dread mys - ter - y! He that by na - ture  
as God is im - mor - tal and can - not die, how is He hanged on a  
tree; can it be He doth taste of death? Is He con - demned, —  
Who of all is in - no - cent? Be - hold, O Sun, — hide thy light and quake  
with fear at this au - dac - i - ty! Thus the Vir - gin  
spake with groans as she be - held hang - ing on the Cross the Sav - iour  
Christ, Whom she had borne.