

Thou hast bowed Thy head

WHEN Thou wast baptized in the Jordan,

before the Forerunner;  
made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare

Thou hast crushed the  
witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And  
the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the

heads of the dragons.  
certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who hast  
appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be

to Thee. DISMISSAL HYMN, *Menaion* January 6.

Thou hast descended into  
the running waters; Thou

WITH the servants the Lord, with the crimi-

nals the Judge, cometh to be baptized. But  
be not thou troubled; for in these humiliations His

exaltation doth most shine forth. For He who  
things, that they might  
vouchsafed to be borne so long in a Virgin's womb,  
and to come forth thence with our nature, and to be

glorify Thee, O Saviour,  
smitten with rods, and crucified, and to suffer all the  
rest which He suffered; – why marvest thou if He

the Fulfillment  
vouchsafed also to be baptized, and to come with the  
rest to His servant? For the amazement lay in that  
one thing, that being God, He would be made Man;

but the rest after this all follows in course of reason.

St John Chrysostom, Homily XII on St Matthew, p. 75

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