Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium (Comde natus ex Parentis) (§ 7, 8, 7, 7, 7)

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Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413

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and Henry Williams Baker, 1861

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,

He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,

Of the things that are, that have been, And that

moon and burning sun, Ever-more and ever-more!

1. At His Word the worlds were framed; He commanded; it was done;

Heav'n and earth and depths of ocean In their three-fold order one;

All that grows beneath the shining Of the

dreadful gulf below, Ever-more and ever-more!

2. He is found in human fashion, Death and sorrow here to know;

That the race of Adam's children Doomed by law to endless woe,

May not henceforth die and perish In the

veiled His sacred face, Ever-more and ever-more!

3. O that birth forever blessed, When the virgin, full of grace,

By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race;

And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, First re-

future years shall see, Ever-more and ever-more!

4. He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,

Of the things that are, that have been, And that

moon and burning sun, Ever-more and ever-more!

dreadful gulf below, Ever-more and ever-more!

veiled His sacred face, Ever-more and ever-more!

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5. This is He Whom seers in old time Chant-ed of with one ac-cord;
6. O ye heights of heav’n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
7. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,

Whom the voic-es of the proph - ets Prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
Pow’rs, do - min-ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King!
Hymn and chant with high thanks-giv - ing, And un - wear - ied prais - es be:

Now He shines, the long - ex - pect - ed; Let cre -
Let no tongue on earth be si - - lent, Ev - ’ry
Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - ion, And e -

a - tion praise its Lord, Ev - er-more and ev - er-more!
voice in con - cert sing, Ev - er-more and ev - er-more!
ter - nal vic - to - ry, Ev - er-more and ev - er-more! A - men.