1. Of the Father born alone, Heir co-regent of his throne,

Word he speaks eternally, Mirror of his majesty:

Man to save, who man became, Pleased his servile form to claim,

As a blessed Maiden’s child Earth to heaven reconciled.

2. Ever God, in time a man, Limited, whom none may span,

Knowing all, whose wisdom grew, Paschal Lamb and Shepherd true:

Who by yielding won the strife, Who by dying generated life,

Who departed, but to bide With the Church, your chosen Bride.
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3. Come for men to mediate, Sovereign Priest and Advocate,
To your own who pledged to send, For their help, another Friend:
With the Father intercede, Sinless one, for sinners plead,
That the way of life they tread, By your grace to glory led.

4. God almighty, three in one, Holy Father, holy Son,
With the holy Paraclete, Let your works your praise repeat:
To your most exalted name Let unuttering acclaim
From created things ascend Now and ever, without end.