OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, 87.87.87.7; 13th Cent. Plainsong, Mode V; harm. W. Douglas, 1916 Text: Corde natus ex parentis, Prudentius; tr. J.M. Neale, 1854, and H.W. Baker, 1859 To be sung in unison. Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to 1. Of the 2. At His Word the worlds were fram-èd; He com-mand-ed; it was done: hu - man fash-ion, Death and 3. He is found in sor - row here to know, **4.** O that birth for - ev - er bles-sèd, When the vir - gin, full of grace, Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the source, the end-ing He, their three-fold or - der one; Heav'n and earth and depths of o - cean In the race of Ad - am's chil-dren Doomed by law to end-less woe, the Ho - ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing, Bare the Sav - iour of By the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture All that grows be - neath the shin Of the moon and ing May not hence-forth die and per ish In the dread - ful Babe, the world's Re-deem er. First re-vealed His years shall see, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more! men. burn - ing sun, gulf be - low, sac - red face,

- 5. O ye heights of heaven adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing; Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King! Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert sing,
- 6. This is He Whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord; Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word; Now He shines, the long expected, Let creation praise its Lord,
- 7. Righteous judge of souls departed,
 Righteous King of them that live,
 On the Father's throne exalted
 None in might with Thee may strive;
 Who at last in vengeance coming
 Sinners from Thy face shalt drive,
- 8. Thee let old men, thee let young men,
 Thee let boys in chorus sing;
 Matrons, virgins, little maidens,
 With glad voices answering:
 Let their guileless songs re-echo,
 And the heart its music bring,
- Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, And unwearied praises be: Honour, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory,