

JESU, THE FATHER'S ONLY SON

Music: VOM HIMMEL HOCH, L.M.; adapt. from Schumann's *Gesangbuch*, 1539; adapt. J.S. Bach

Text: *Christe Redemptor omnium*, 6th cent.; tr. J.M. Neale

1. Je - su, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
2. The Fa - ther's light and splen - dour Thou,
3. Sal - va - tion's au - thor, call to mind
4. Thus tes - ti - fies the pre - sent day,

Whose death for all re - demp - tion won;
Their end - less hope to Thee that bow;
How, tak - ing form of hu - man - kind,
Through ev - 'ry year in long ar - ray,

Be - fore the worlds, of God most high
Ac - cept the prayers and praise to - day
Born of a Vir - gin un - de - filed,
That Thou, sal - va - tion's source a - lone,

Be - got - ten all in - eff - ab - ly.
That through the world Thy ser - vants pay.
Thou in man's flesh be - cam'st a child.
Pro - ceed - edst from the Fa - ther's throne.

5. Whence sky, and stars, and sea's abyss,
And earth, and all that therein is,
Shall still, with laud and carol meet,
The Author of Thine advent greet.
6. And we who, by Thy precious blood
From sin redeemed, are marked for God,
On this the day that saw Thy birth,
Sing the new song of ransomed earth:
7. For that Thine advent glory be,
O Jesu, virgin-born, to Thee;
With Father, and with Holy Ghost,
From men and from the heav'nly host.