

HYMN

# # Of the Father's love begotten

Unison

Capo 1:

D G A D Em A

1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be-gan to be,  
2 O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,

G D A Bm G D Bm D

he is Al-pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,  
by the Ho - ly Ghost con-ceiv - ing, bore the Sav-iour of our race;

G D A

of the things that are, that have been,  
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,

D G A D Bm A7 D

and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er-more and ev - er-more!  
first re-vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er-more and ev - er-more!

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413;

tr. John M. Neale, 1854, and Henry W. Baker, 1859

Tune: Plainsong, 12th cent., arr. Charles Winfred Douglas, 1916

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DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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- 3 This is he whom heaven-taught singers  
sang of old with one accord,  
whom the Scriptures of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore!
- 4 O ye heights of heaven, adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
all dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!
- 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,  
and unwearied praises be,  
honour, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore!