

40 Of the Father's Love Begotten

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Colossians 1:15

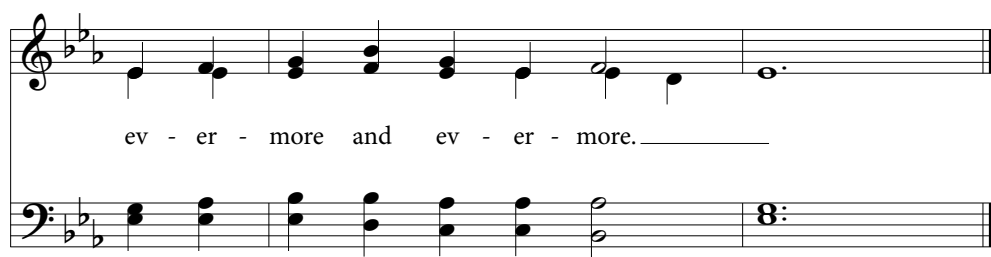
verses may be sung in unison

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
 2. At His Word the earth was fram - èd; He com-mand-ed, it
 3. Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin, called
 4. This is He whom an-cient se - ers long fore-told in one

to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean in their
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con-ceiv - ing, bore the
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets pro - mised

Source, the End - ing, He. Of the things that are, that
 three - fold or - der one. All that grows be - neath the
 Sav - ior of our race; and the babe, the world's Re -
 in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the na - tions'

have ——— been, and that fu - ture years shall see:
 shin - ing of the moon and burn - ing sun,
 deem - er first re - vealed His sa - cred face:
 Sav - ior— Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord



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, evermore and evermore!
6. Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Colossians 1:15-20, 2:8-12