

Profitentes unitatem veneremur trinitatem pari reverentia;  
 Tres personas asserentes personali differentes a se differentia.  
 Hae dicuntur relative cum sint unum substantive, non tria

principia.

Sive dicas tres vel tria, simplex tamen est ousia, non triplex

essentia.

Simplex esse, simplex posse, simplex velle, simplex nosse, cuncta  
 sunt simplicia.

Pater, proles, sacrum flamen, deus unus, et hi tamen habent

quaedam propria.

Non unius quam duarum sive trium personarum minor efficacia;

Una virtus, unum numen, unus splendor, unum lumen, hoc tamen  
 quod alia.

Patri proles est aequalis, nec hoc tollit personalis amborum

distinctio;

Patri compar filioque, spiritualis ab utroque procedit connexio.

Non humana ratione capi possunt hae personae nec harum

discretio.

Non hic ordo temporalis, non hic situs aut localis rerum

circumscriptio.

Nil in deo praeter deum, nulla causa praeter eum qui creat causalia;

Effectiva vel formalis causa deus et finalis, sed nunquam materia.

Digne loqui de personis vim transcendit rationis, excedit ingenia.

Quid sit gigni, quid processus, me nescire sum professus, sed fide  
 non dubia.

Nos in fide gloriemur, nos in una modulemur fidei constantia;

Trine sit laus unitati, sit et simple trinitati coeterna gloria. Amen.

## P R O F I T E N T E S U N I T A T E M

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Affirming God both One and Three,

To either name we bend the knee,

The onefold or the threefold name.

Three Persons here are understood,

Distinct in very personhood

But in all attributes the same.

In One by substance, faith describes

Three by relation inwardwise;

One Principle they are of all.

Name them *The Three* or *Persons Three*,

Nothing that severs unity

Within their essence pure can fall.

One being, will, wisdom and might  
 Have they; of each with equal right  
 Every perfection is proclaimed.  
 Father and Word and Paraclete  
 Are but one God, and yet with meet  
 Especial title each is named.

If One, if Two regarded be,  
 Nothing is shorn of deity  
 In power and glory, depth and height;  
 Alike almighty and divine,  
 The Three with single radiance shine;  
 Their light is godhead, godhead light

The Word the Father's equal is,  
 Nor does the Sonship that is his  
 Lesser to loftier state oppose;  
 Equal to Father and to Son,  
 The Spirit, Lord, Life-giving one  
 From both ineffably outflows.

Never shall subtlest wit of man  
 That union and distinction span  
 Or outrun faith and seize the how;  
 Yet banish thought of time and space,  
 Distance dividing place from place,  
 Succession sundering then from now.

Nothing but God in God may be,  
 No cause be found save only he  
 From whom all modes of causes flow.  
 God as exemplar may be cause,  
 As will that shapes, as end that draws;  
 As warp and woof of things, not so.

What in themselves the Persons are  
 Lies beyond reach and utterance far;  
 The Son eternally begot,  
 The still-proceeding mutual Love  
 Are past our knowledge and above;  
 Faith holds the truth she visions not.

In faith our music was begun;  
 In faith's triumphant unison  
 Let every singer end his lays.  
 To the undivided Trinity  
 And to the threefold Oneness be  
 Co-equal co-eternal praise.