

God the Father, God the Son

God the Father, God the Son,
God the Spirit, Three in One,
hear us from thy heavenly throne:
spare us, holy Trinity.

Jesus, Savior meek and mild,
once for us a little Child
born of Mary undefiled.
hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, by that blessèd Maid
in thy swaddling-clothes arrayed,
and within a manger laid.
hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, at whose infant feet,
bending low in worship meet,
shepherds knelt their Lord to greet.
hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, to thy temple brought,
whom the ancient Simeon sought
by thy Holy Spirit taught,
hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, unto whom of yore
wise men, hastening to adore,
gold and myrrh and incense bore,
hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, who was driven to flee
from king Herod's cruelty,
when he sought to murder thee,
hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, whom thy Mother found
'mid the doctors sitting round,
marveling at thy words profound,
hear us, holy Jesus.

From all pride and vain conceit,
from all spite and angry heat,
from all lying and deceit,
save us, holy Jesus.

From all sloth and idleness,
from hard hearts and selfishness,
from all lust and greediness,
save us, holy Jesus.

From refusing to obey,
from the love of our own way,
from forgetfulness to pray,
save us, holy Jesus.

By thy birth and early years,
by thine infant wants and fears,
by thy sorrows and thy tears,
save us, holy Jesus.

By thy pattern bright and pure,
by the pains thou didst endure
our salvation to procure,
save us, holy Jesus.

By thy wounds and thorn-crowned head,
by thy blood for sinners shed,
by thy rising from the dead,
save us, holy Jesus.

By thy mercies infinite,
by thine all-surpassing might,
by thy glory in the height,
save us, holy Jesus.

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