

# Father most holy, merciful and loving

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**Father most holy, merciful and tender;  
Jesus our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit all kindly, Advocate, Defender,  
Light never waning;**

**Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;  
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,  
Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken,  
Hope of the living;**

**Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;  
Lo, all things serve Thee through Thy whole creation:  
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we raise Thee  
Heart's adoration.**

**To the all ruling triune God be glory:  
Highest and greatest, help Thou our endeavor;  
We, too, would praise Thee, giving honor worthy  
Now and forever.**

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