Blessed the Holy / Trinity*
and the Undivided / Unity:
Let us give glo- / ry to Him*
For He has shown mercy / unto us.
O / Lord, our Lord,*
How excellent is Your name in / all the earth,
You have set Your glory above the / heavens!* 
Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, You have or- / dained
strength.
What is man that You are mind- / ful of him,*
and the son of man that You / visit him?
For You have made him a little lower than the / angels,*
and You have crowned him with glory and / honor.

"The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost"
We worship Trinity in unity and unity in Trinity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. The Name of the Lord was a precious gift to Israel, His ancient people; but now in Christ we have received this most precious Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The whole Trinity works together for our salvation. The Father sent Christ to accomplish the salvation which the Holy Spirit delivers by His gifts. Though no human mind can comprehend how three persons can be one true God, each Christian nevertheless confesses and knows the Trinity. We have received this Name and this God in our Baptism.

The fullest revelation of God in the Bible—the Name of Father, Son, and Spirit—is only spoken here in Matthew—at the very end. Maybe the Trinity seems like an "advanced" topic that ought to come last. Yet, every disciple of Jesus fully possesses this Name. It is given to you in Holy Baptism. The Name of Father, Son, and Spirit is not hidden from you. Everything is begun in this Name and continues in it throughout our life as we learn what Christ has entrusted to us. We never stop being disciples (learners) growing into what Christ has given to us. Lord, help me to keep what You have entrusted to me. Amen.

The Triune God does not desire your death. So He calls you to repent, to turn, and to live. Sin is called here a "stumbling block." Good works cannot earn heaven, but sin absolutely can harm faith. The Triune God is urgent by the mouth of His prophet because He puts His Name on His people. He is the Lord, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thus, in the New Testament as in the Old, repentance and constantly returning to the Lord is our life. This is what Baptism indicates. It is possible because our Judge desires our life, and gives His Spirit to renew. Turn me, O Lord, always back to You. Amen.

The Catholic faith is this: that we worship the Trinity. We confess this teaching for the sake of God's glory, mercy, and Truth. It is what the Scriptures teach about Him: and only the Holy Trinity is a God of mercy. Psalm 115 has a clever saying about idols: they are man's creation, incapable of mercy or speech or thought. Those who make them are the same way. Our God brings forth life and praise out of what He creates. The dead go down with their silent idols. But our God unites His Church to each other in the pure teaching of the Gospel and the Holy Sacraments, which have united us to the entire Trinity. Give us Your Spirit, that we may be united in the love of the Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The One True God: the father and the Son and the Holy Ghost

We are being gathered together under the Name of Jesus, in the Holy Spirit of truth and of grace. We speak of what we know and bear witness to what we have seen. The "we" here is the Father and the Spirit with Jesus. The Spirit works in Baptism to bear children born from above. He makes use of what is earthly to bestow what is heavenly and far beyond even the teachers of Israel: The Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No one can ascend to heaven to find God; rather, the Son descends to reveal the Father to us. And the witness He gives is this: He is lifted on the cross so that whoever believes and is baptized receives the life of the Son. The Spirit works in Baptism to renew.

Psalm 67: A Name for All Nations

Psalm 67 echoes the Aaronic benediction, where "the Lord" puts His Name three times on the people to "bless them" and "cause His face to shine upon them." In this Psalm we hear that His Name is for more than just Israel. Let all the people praise this Name, even the nations. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit certainly send rain on believers and unbelievers alike. But the blessing He gives to His Church—grace, mercy, and peace in Christ—He gives also for the sake of others. That His way and saving health may be known among all nations. Lord, Your Name be hallowed among us and in all the world. Amen.

This benediction is itself a confession of the Holy Trinity. God the Father has loved us in this particular way: He sent His Son to reconcile us to Himself. Grace comes through our Lord Jesus Christ, who obeyed His Father's will for us to justify the ungodly and save the unworthy free of charge to them. The Holy Spirit is concerned with unity and the bond of peace—He unites His Church to each other in the pure teaching of the Gospel and the Holy Sacraments, which have united us to the entire Trinity. Give us Your Spirit, that we may be united in the love of the Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.