

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

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Extolled and praised by the living God, who exists unbounded by time.  
He is one of unparalleled unity, invisible and eternal.  
Without form or figure, incorporeal holy beyond conception.  
Prior to all created things, the first, without date or beginning.  
Lo! he is Lord of the world and all creation, which evince his greatness and dominion.

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