16.  Glory to God, All-Pervading, All-Knowing, All-Seeing

Poetic Meter: 14.14.4.7.8

Glory to God, all-pervading, all-knowing, all-seeing,
saying the Word bringing space-time and life into being,
    holy and just,
    faithful, and worthy of trust,
seeking and finding and freeing.

Glory to Christ, who has brought us through love’s flowing waters,
new-born, beloved, and adopted as God’s sons and daughters.
    Chosen, we choose,
    bearing and sharing good news –
humble and joyful reporters.

Praise to the Spirit, conceiving, communing, connecting,
eager for truth, every lie and evasion detecting,
    bringing to view
    gifts we ourselves never knew,
all in the end resurrecting.

*Great Holy Trinity, graciously calling and sending
servants to follow the Servant, the friendless befriending,
    as you ordain
    friends to preside and proclaim,
power us with praises unending!

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* This stanza is sung only at ordination services.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN [“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation”] is in standard hymnals.
Psalm 33:6; John 16:13; Acts 5: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11; Galatians 4:4-7
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