

Unpublished prayer written by Olivier Messiaen in September 1943, when he was preparing to compose his "Trois Petites Liturgies de la Présence Divine" (1943-1944). We recognize, in a different form, many elements of the poem of the third "little liturgy" (poem of which he is also the author).

Prayer

You who are present at all times,
You who are present everywhere,
Without being divided or multiplied.
You who are three Persons,
With one indivisible Nature,
You who do the impossible thing,
Beget God and remain God.

You who are Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
With a single action, a single power.
You who are incarnate,
Suffered, died on the cross,
While remaining the immortal God,
Eternally in the perfection of joy.
You who hide in the host,
You who speak in us,
You who are silent in us,
You who keep silence in your Love.

You who are called good, holy, eternal,
Because Goodness is You, Holiness is You,
Love and Eternity is You.
You who are near, You who are far,
You who are light and darkness,
You who are so complicated and so simple,
You who are infinitely simple.

Make me understand your Immensity,
May I imitate your Holiness,
Deliver me through your Truth,
Pull me towards Your Eternity,
Strike me with your Simplicity,
Consume me forever in your lovely Unity,
So that I may drink from You forever and ever.
Amen