

Come holy Ghost eternal God

Rabanus Maurus (c.780-856), *Venit Creator Spiritus*

Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1592-c.1635)

Cantus

Medius

Tenor

Bassus

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1. Come holy Ghost eternal God,
 proceeding from above,
 both from the Father and the Son,
 the God of peace and love.
 Visit our minds, and into us
 thy heavenly grace inspire:
 that in all truth and godliness
 we may have true desire.

2. Thou art the very comforter
 in all woe and distress:
 the heavenly gift of God most high
 which no tongue can express.
 The fountain and the lively spring
 of joy celestial:
 the fire so bright and love so clear
 and unction spiritual.

3. Thou in thy gifts art manifold
 where by Christs Church doth stand,
 in faithful hearts writing thy law
 the finger of Gods hand.
 According to thy promise made
 though givest speech of grace:
 That through thy help the praise of God
 may stand in every place.

4. O Holy Ghost into our wits
 send down thy heavenly light:
 Kindle our hearts with fervent love
 to serve God day and night.
 Strength and stablish¹ all our weakness,
 so feeble and so frail:
 that neither flesh, the world nor devil
 against us do prevail.

7. Grant us O Lord through thee to know
 the Father most of might:
 That of thy dear beloved son
 we may enjoy the sight;
 And that with perfect faith also
 we may acknowledge thee.
 The spirit of them both always,
 one God in persons three.

5. Put back our enemies far from us,
 and grant us to obtain
 peace in our hearts with God and man
 without grudge or disdain.
 And grant O Lord that though being
 our leader and our guide:
 We may eschew the snares of sin
 and from thee never slide.

6. To us such plenty of thy grace,
 good Lord, grant we thee pray:
 that thou mayst be our comforter
 at the last dreadful day.
 Of all strife and dissension
 O Lord dissolve the bands:
 And make the knots of peace and love
 throughout all Christian lands.

8. Laud and praise be to the Father
 and to the son equal:
 and to the Holy Spirit also,
 one God, coeternal.
 And pray we that the only son
 vouchsafe his spirit to send
 to all that do profess his name
 unto the worlds end.

¹*stablish: (sense 7) to render stable in faith, virtue, etc (OED, 2nd ed.)*