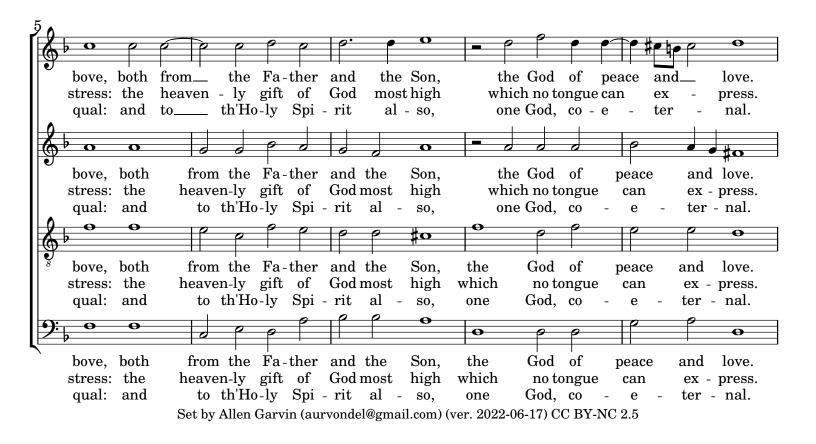
Come holy Ghost eternal God

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

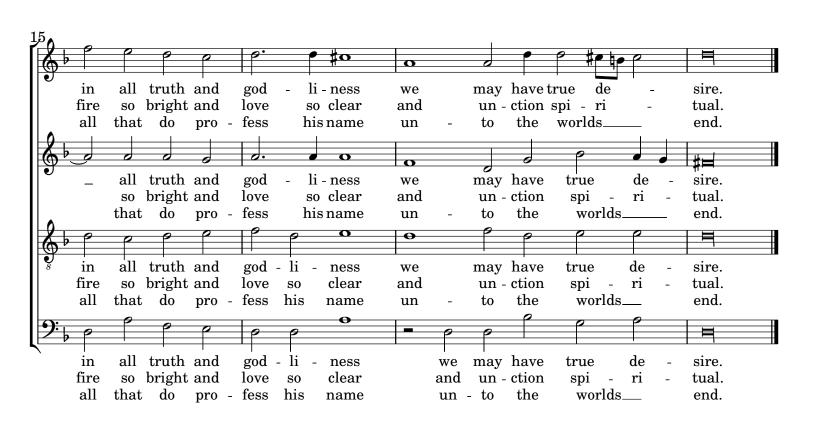
Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1592-c.1635)

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (London, 1621)









- 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, And grant O Lord that though being 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. 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.