

Come Holy Ghost

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

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

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Come Ho - ly Ghost, e - ter - nal God, which dost from God pro -
art O Spir't, the Com - for - ter in woe and hard di -
thou in gifts art ma - ni - fold, where - by Christ's Church doth
we that Christ the Sa - vi - or vouch - safe his Spir't to

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1. Come Holy Ghost, eternal God,
which dost from God proceed:
the Father first, and eke the Son,
One God, as we do read.

4. Thou fountain art, and lively spring
of joy celestial,
the fire so bright, the love so clear,
and unction spiritual.

7. O Holy Ghost, to move our wits,
send down thine heavenly Light;
in flame our hearts, our God to serve
with love, both day and night.

10. And grant, O Lord, O Leader sure,
that we by thee as guide
may safe eschew the snares of sin,
from thee no time to slide.

13. Grant us, O Lord, through thee to know
the Father, most of Might,
that we of his beloved Son
may sure obtain the sight.

16. Pray we that Christ the Savior
vouchsafe his Spir't to send
to all which true profess his Name,
till all the world doth end.

2. Oh visit thou our minds and hearts,
thy heavenly grace inspire,
that we in truth and godliness
may set our whole desire.

5. For thou in gifts art manifold,
whereby Christ's Church doth stand;
and writest thy love in faithful hearts,
the power of God, his hand.

8. Our weakness, strength confirm us Lord,
both feeble, faint, and frail,
that neither Flesh, the World, nor Devil
in us do once prevail.

11. And plenty, Lord, of thy good grace,
grant us, we humble pray;
be thou our joy and Comforter,
to scape that dreadful day.

14. And that with perfect, stable faith
we might acknowledge thee,
the Spir't of them of both, I say,
One God, and Persons three.

3. Thou art O Spir't, the Comforter
in woe and hard distress,
the heavenly gift of God so high,
which tongue cannot express.

6. And like as thou hast promise made,
thou givest the speech of grace,
that through thy help the praise of God
may sound in every place.

9. Put back from us our enemies,
and grant that we obtain
sweet peace of heart with God and man,
from grudge and proud disdain.

12. Of strife and foul dissension,
O Lord, dissolve the bands,
and knit the knot of peace and love
throughout all Christian lands.

15. Be laud to God the Father high,
and God his Son, praise ye;
be praise to God the Holy Spir't,
One God in Trinity.