

Come holy Ghost

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CANTVS
MEDIVS
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or Playnsong
BASSVS

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Come ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal God, pro - ceed - ing from a - bove:
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Come ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal God, pro - ceed - ing from a - bove:
Come ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal God, pro - ceed - ing from a - bove,

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S. both from the Fa - ther and the Son, the God of peace and love.
A. both from the Fa - ther and the Son, the God of peace and love.
T. both from the Fa - ther and the Son, the God of peace and love.
B. both from the Fa - ther and the Son, the God of peace and love.

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S. Vi - sit our minds and in - to us the heav'n - ly grace in - spire:
A. Vi - sit our minds and in - to us thy heav'n - ly grace in - spire:
T. Vi - sit our minds and in - to us thy heav'n - ly grace in - spire:
B. Vi - sit our minds and in - to us thy heav'n - ly grace in - spire:

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S. that in all truth and god - li - ness we may have true de - sire.
A. that in all truth and god - li - ness we may have true de - sire.
T. that in all truth and god - li - ness we may have true de - sire.
B. that in all truth and god - li - ness we may have true de - sire.

Thou art the very comforter
in all woe and distress:
The heav'nly 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.

Thou in thy gifts art manifold,
whereby Christ's Church doth stand,
In faithful hearts writing thy law,
the finger of Gods hand.
According to thy promise made
thou givest speech of grace:
That through thy help the praise of God
may stand in ev'ry place.

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

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 allway
one God in persons three.

Critical notes:

Editorial accidentals added,
Medius bar 6/note 3 is C in
the original (parallel 8th);
Medius bar 8/note 2 is D in
the original (parallel 5th);
Text somewhat modernised

O holy Ghost into our wits
send down thy heav'nly light:
Kindle our hearts with fervent love
to serve God day and night.
Strength and stablish all our weakness,
so feeble and so fraile:
That neither flesh, the world nor devil
against us do prevail.

To us such plenty of thy grace,
good Lord, grant we thee pray:
That thou may'st be our comforter
at the last dreadful day.
Of all strife and dissention
O Lord dissolve the bands:
And make the knots of peace and love
throughout all christian lands.

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 professe his name
unto the world end.