

Veni Creator Spiritus
Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
and in our hearts take up thy rest;
come with thy grace and heav'nly aid
to fill the hearts which thou hast made.
2. O Comforter, to thee we cry,
thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
thou font of life, and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.
3. To ev'ry sense thy light impart
and shed thy love in ev'ry heart.
To our weak flesh, thy strength supply;
unfailing courage from on high.
4. O grant that we through thee may come
to know the Father and the Son,
and hold with firm, unchanging faith,
that thou art Spirit of them both.
5. Praise be to thee, Father and Son
and Holy Spirit, with them one;
and may the Son on us bestow
the gifts that from the Spirit flow,
the gifts that from the Spirit flow.

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