Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest



Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, Vouchsafe within our souls to rest; Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

To Thee, the Comforter, we cry, To Thee, the Gift of God Most High, The Fount of life, the Fire of love, The soul's Anointing from above.

The sevenfold gifts of grace are Thine, O Finger of the Hand Divine; True promise of the Father Thou, Who dost the tongue with speech endow.

Thy light to every thought impart And shed Thy love in every heart; The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate. Drive far away our wily Foe And Thine abiding peace bestow; If Thou be our protecting Guide, No evil can our steps betide.

Make Thou to us the Father known, Teach us the eternal Son to own And Thee, whose name we ever bless, Of both the Spirit, to confess.

Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One; And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Rhabanus Maurus

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