

Spirit blest, who art adored

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Spirit blest, who art adored
with the Father and the Word,
one eternal God and Lord:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

Thou by whom the virgin bore
him whom heaven and earth adore,
sent our nature to restore:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

Thou whom Jesus, from his throne,
gave to cheer and help his own,
that they might not be alone:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

Thou whose sound apostles heard,
thou whose power their spirit stirred,
giving them thy living word:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

Thou whose grace the Church doth fill,
showing her God's perfect will,
making Jesus present still:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

All thy gracious gifts bestow,
gifts of wisdom God to know,
gifts of strength to meet the foe:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

All our evil passions kill,
bend aright our stubborn will;
though we grieve thee, patient still:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

Come to strengthen all the weak,
give thy courage to the meek,
teach our faltering tongues to speak:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

Keep us in the narrow way,
warn us when we go astray,
plead within us when we pray:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

Holy, loving, as thou art,
come, and live within our heart;
nevermore from us depart:
hear us, Holy Spirit.

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