

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

John Stainer, 1840-1901

Charity
77.75

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff begins with a G4 quarter note, followed by a series of chords and single notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

The second system of the musical score continues from the first system, starting with a measure number '5' above the treble staff. It maintains the same 4/4 time and key signature. The notation continues with chords and melodic lines in both staves.

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
Taught by Thee we covet most
Of Thy gifts of Pentecost
Holy, heavenly Love.

Love is kind, and suffers long
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
Love than death itself more strong;
Therefore, give us Love.

Prophecy will fade away,
Melting in the light of day,
Love will ever with us stay;
Therefore, give us Love.

Faith will vanish into sight;
Hope be emptied in delight;
Love in heaven will shine more bright;
Therefore, give us Love.

Faith and Hope and Love we see
Joining hand in hand agree;
But the greatest of the three,
And the best, is Love.

From the overshadowing
Of Thy gold and silver wing
Shed on us, who to Thee sing,
Holy, heavenly Love.

Christopher Wordsworth