

# 22. Now to the Holy Spirit

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist

Pentecost

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13th cent. (v. 1)

Martin Luther (vv. 2 - 4)

(1483 - 1546)

Sop. 1

1. Now to the Ho - ly Spi - rit we pray  
2. Shine down on us, o Thou tru - est Light;  
3. O God of love, grant us this one plea  
4. O per - fect Com - fort - er in our pain,

Sop. 2

1. Now to the Ho - ly Spi - rit we pray  
2. Shine down on us, o Thou tru - est Light;  
3. O God of love, grant us this one plea  
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Alto

1. Now to the Ho - ly Spi - - - rit we pray  
2. Shine down on us, o Thou tru - est Light;  
3. O God of love, grant us this one plea  
4. O per - fect Com - fort - er in our pain,

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that true faith in our hearts al - ways be, and that He may  
teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right that we might be  
that we per - ceive in our hearts Thy love, that we fer - vent  
free us all from fear of death or shame, that we ne'er des-

and that He may  
that we might be  
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pro - tect us all our life's way, 'til we're home from  
true to Him who has saved us and to our true  
ly one an - oth - er may love and be blessed with  
pair nor our cour-age fail us should the en - e -

pro - tect us all our life's way, 'til we're home from this  
true to Him who has saved us and to our true home -  
ly one an - oth - er may love and be blessed with peace  
pair nor our cour-age fail us should the en - e - my

pro - tect us all our life's way,  
true to Him who has saved us  
ly one an - oth - er may love  
pair nor our cour-age fail us

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this earth-ly mis - er - y. Ky - ri - e - leis!  
home-land safe-ly brought us. (or Lord, have mer - cy.)  
peace and true u - ni - ty.  
my ev - er as - sail us.

earth-ly mis - er - y. Ky - ri - e - - - - leis!  
land safe-ly brought us. (or Lord, have mer - - - - cy.)  
and true u - ni - ty.  
ev - er as - sail us.

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e-leis!  
(or Lord, have mer-cy.)

## Ritornello for Three Instruments\* to the Chorale "Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist"

20 *Alla breve*  $\text{♩} = \text{about } 88$

Flute  
or Violin

Oboe  
or Violin

Violin  
or Viola

*f*

*(cantus firmus)*

26

31

35

*più f*

*più f*

*più f*

\*) To be played one or more to a part before and after each verse of the chorale *ad libitum*.