

## 22. Now to the Holy Spirit

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist

Pentecost

Hugo Distler

13th cent. (v. 1)

Martin Luther (vv. 2 - 4)

Der Jahrkreis, op 5, no. 22

(1483 - 1546)

Sop. 1

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 (or Lord, have mercy.)

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

*Alla breve* ♩ = about 88

Flute or Violin  
 Oboe or Violin  
 Violin or Viola

*f* (cantus firmus)

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26

31

35

*più f*

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