

Pentecost Sequence

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

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INTRO: *Moderato* (♩ = ca. 74)

Organ

REFRAIN: All

Descant

f

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come, fill ev - 'ry heart of ours,

Soprano/Melody

f

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come, fill ev - 'ry heart of ours, _____

Alto

Tenor

Bass

f

(*f*)

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in - flame them with your ar - dent love.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Fine*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Fine*

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VERSES 1,5: Choir

Soprano

mf

Alto

1. Come down, O Ho - ly Spir - it, and shed the heav - nly
5. O give to all who call you, to those who trust in

mf

1. ra - diance of your true light. O come, the poor's pro -
5. you your sev'n - fold gifts. En - rich our lives with

D.S.

1. tec - tor, the giv - er of good gifts, the light of hearts.
5. glad - ness, pre - pare us for your - self, in last - ing joy.

D.S.

VERSES 2,4: Choir

Tenor *mf*

Bass

2. For you are the best con - so - ler, our ___ lives' ___ most wel - come
4. You cleanse ___ the stain and blem - ish, you ___ mois - ten what has gone

mf

2. friend, re - mov - ing care: ___ in you, toil - ers find their
4. dry, you heal the wound - ed. O soft - en our stub - born

2. rest, the ___ parched ___ their thirst is bro - ken, the sad are cheered. *D.S.*
4. ways, re - kin - dle our cool - ing hearts, ___ di - rect our paths.

VERSE 3: Choir

Soprano
Alto

mp

3. O you _____ most bless - ed light, _____ come _____ fill the in - most

mp

3. hearts of those who live. With - out _____ your lov - ing

D.S.

3. kind - ness we live in emp - ty strife, the prey of guilt.

D.S.

Performance Notes

This version of the Pentecost Sequence “Veni, Sancte Spiritus” collapses into five verses the original ten of the Latin. The refrain is sung at the beginning and after each of the verses. These may be sung by sections of the choir, as indicated, or by a soloist singing the melody.

—C.W.

Preview

Assembly Edition

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VERSES: Choir

1. Come down, O Holy Spirit,
and shed the heavenly radiance of your true light.
O come, the poor's protector,
the giver of good gifts, the light of hearts. **(to Refrain)**
2. For you are the best consoler,
our lives' most welcome friend, removing care:
in you, toilers find their rest,
the parched their thirst is broken, the sad are cheered. **(to Refrain)**
3. O you most blessed light,
come fill the inmost hearts of those who live.
Without your loving kindness
we live in empty strife, the prey of guilt. **(to Refrain)**
4. You cleanse the stain and blemish,
you moisten what has gone dry, you heal the wounded.
O soften our stubborn ways,
rekindle our cooling hearts, direct our paths. **(to Refrain)**
5. O give to all who call you,
to those who trust in you your sevenfold gifts.
Enrich our lives with gladness,
prepare us for yourself, in lasting joy. **(to Refrain)**

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