

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

1. Come, Thou Holy Spirit, come! And from Thy
celestial home Shed a ray of light divine!
2. Come, Thou Source of all our store! Come, within our
bosoms shine!
3. Thou, of comforters the best; Thou, the soul's most
welcome Guest; Sweet refreshment here below;
4. In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the
heat; Solace in the midst of woe.
5. O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts
of Thine, And our inmost being fill!
6. Where Thou art not, man hath naught, Nothing good
in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill.
7. Heal our wounds; our strength renew; On our dryness
pour Thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away;
8. Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen,
warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.
9. On the faithful, who adore And confess Thee,
evermore In Thy sev'nfold gift descend;
10. Give them virtue's sure reward Give them Thy
salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen.
Alleuia.

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