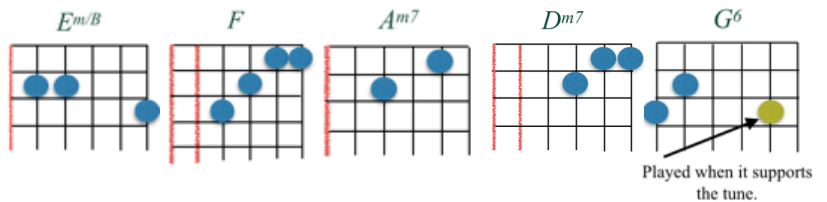


Come, Holy Ghost

Veni Creator Spiritus

"Come Holy Ghost Creator Blest" words attributed to Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856; Music by Fr. Louis Lambillotte, 1796-1855, a Jesuit composer and paleographer of church music

C G C
Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
C Em/B F Am7 Dm7 G6
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
C G C
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid,
C F C G
To fill our hearts which thou hast made;
C F G6 C
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.



C G C
O Comforter, to Thee we cry,
C Em/B F Am7 Dm7 G6
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
C G C
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,
C F C G
And sweet anointing from above;
C F G6 C
And sweet anointing from above.

C G C
To Thy great Name, be endless praise,
C Em/B F Am7 Dm7 G6
Immortal God - - head one in three.
C G C
O grant us endless lengths of days,
C F C G
In our true native land with Thee,
C F G6 C
In our true native land with Thee,

C G C
O Holy Ghost, through Thee alone,
C Em/B F Am7 Dm7 G6
Know we the Fa - - - ther and the Son;
C G C
Be this our never changing creed,
C F C G
That Thou dost from Them both proceed,
C F G6 C
That Thou dost from Them both proceed.

C G C
Praise we the Father and the Son,
C Em/B F Am7 Dm7 G6
And Holy Spir - - it with them one;
C G C
And may the Son on us bestow,
C F C G
The gifts that from the Spirit flow,
C F G6 C
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Scripture and History

John 3:5-8 Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 14:16-18 [*Jesus said to His disciples*], “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

Romans 8:9-17 But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Consequently, brothers, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba,* Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Joshua 1:9 I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go.

Rabanus Maurus (c. 776-856) or **Hrabanus Magnentius Maurus**, was born of noble parents at Mainz, and educated at Fulda and Tours under Alcuin, who is reputed to have given him the surname, Maurus, after the saint of that name. In 803, he became director of the school at the Benedictine Abbey at Fulda. He was ordained priest in 814, spending the following years in a pilgrimage to Palestine. In 822, he became Abbott at Fulda, retiring in 842. In 847, he became archbishop of Mainz. He died at Winkel on the Rhine, February 4, 856. This distinguished Carolingian poet-theologian wrote extensive biblical commentaries, the *Encyclopaedic De Universo*, *De Institutione Clericorum*, and other works which circulated widely during the Middle Ages. Some of his poems, with English translations, are in Helen Waddell's *Mediaeval Latin Lyrics*. He is the author of:

O Come, Creator Spirit, come;
Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels.
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire;
Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest.



Rabanus Maurus
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