VENI SANCtE SPIRITUS

11TH CENTURY, MODE I

1. Come, thou Ho-ly Spir-it, come! And from thy ce-les-tial home
   Come, thou Fa-ther of the poor! Come, thou source of all our store!

2. Shed a ray of light di-vine! 2. Thou, of com-fort-ers the best:
   Come, with-in our bos-oms shine! In our la-bor, rest most sweet:

3. Thou, the soul's most wel-come guest; Sweet re-fresh-ment here be-low;
   Grate-ful cool-ness in the heat; Sol-ace in the midst of woe.

4. O most bless-ed Light di-vine, Shine with-in these hearts of thine,
   Where thou art not, man hath nought; Noth-ing good in deed or thought,

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And our inmost being fill!
Nothing free from taint of ill.
Bend the stubborn heart and will;

On our dryness pour thy dew;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

5. On the faithful, who adore
And confess thee, evermore
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them thy salvation, Lord;

In thy sevenfold gift descend;
Give them joys that never end.
Amen.

Pentecost, 'The Golden Sequence'; probably POPE INNOCENT III (1161-1216).
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