

Creator Spirit, Come, We Pray

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Latin, 9th century; attrib. to Rhabanus Maurus (d. 856)

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1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, come we pray, and vis - it
2 From God on high you are the gift: O Fount of
3 En - kin - dle us, set us a - glow, pour out your
4 De - fend us al - ways from the foe; on those who

ev - ery mind to - day; May hearts you made to be your
Life, your name we lift, O Par - a - clete, our Char - i -
love till hearts o'er - flow; To be made whole we sore - ly
fear, your peace be - stow; Pro - tect our jour - ney, be our

own be filled with heav - enly grace a - lone.
ty, O Fire, blessed Unc - tion flow - ing free.
long; O heal us, Spir - it ev - er strong.
guide, that we in safe - ty may a - bide.

Although the author of this hymn is unknown, it is often attributed to Rhabanus Maurus, archbishop of Mainz. Manuscripts date from as early as the tenth century when it was used in the daily office during Pentecost.

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