

22. Now to the Holy Spirit

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist

Pentecost

Hugo Distler

13th cent. (v. 1)

Martin Luther (vv. 2 - 4)

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(1483 - 1546)

Sop. 1

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3. O Sweet-est Love, grant us this one plea:
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Alto

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 (or Lord, have mercy.)

Ritornello for Three Instruments* to the Chorale "Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist"

Alla breve ♩ = about 88

Flute or Violin
Oboe or Violin
Violin or Viola

f (cantus firmus)

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26

31

35

più f

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*) To be played one or more to a part before and after each verse of the chorale *ad libitum*.
[Chorisch oder soloistisch vor und nach jedem Choralvers *ad libitum*.]