

“Come Holy Spirit, Lord and God” ~ Martin Luther

This hymn, so rich in devotion and instruction, has an abundant history of its own. We are told that it rapidly came into great favor with the common people....The power of this hymn is illustrated in the power that it had over the minds and hearts of the people. . . On August 16th, 1527 Leonard Kayser was burned at the stake because of his evangelical preaching, which fact stresses the heroism of the men of the times of Luther, who preached and defended the Reformation doctrines. As the preparations for Kayser’s martyrdom were completed he asked the people to sing “Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott.” With deep emotion they sang, and while the flames leaped up his own voice was heard as he cried out, “Jesus, I am Thine; save me.” Repeating these words several time he died. ---- (*Favorite Hymns*, By William Lee Hunton).

Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!
Let all your graces be outpoured
On each believer’s mind and heart;
Your fervent love to us impart. Lord, by the brightness of Your light,
You in the faith do men unite
Of every land and every tongue;
This to Your praise, O Lord, be sung. From every error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be,
That we in living faith abide,
In Him with all our might confide. Lord, by Your power prepare each heart
And to the weakness strength impart,
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to You ascend. Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord! Be all Thy graces now
outpoured On the believer’s mind and soul, To strengthen, save, and make us whole. Lord, by
the brightness of Thy light, Thou in the faith dost men unite Of every land and every
tongue; This to Thy praise, O Lord, be sung. Thou strong defense, Thou holy Light, Teach us
to know our God aright, And call Him Father from the heart; The word of life and truth
impart; That we may love not doctrines strange, Nor e’er to other teachers range, But Jesus for
our Master own, And put our trust in Him alone. Thou sacred Ardor, Comfort sweet,
Help us to wait with ready feet And willing heart at Thy command, Nor Trial fright us from
Thy band