Creator Spirit, by whose aid Hymnal 1982 no. 500 Melody: Surrey 8 8. 8 8. 8 8.

British spelling



Creator Spirit, by whose aid

the world’s foundations first were laid,

come, visit every humble mind;

come, pour thy joys on humankind;

from sin and sorrow set us free,

and make thy temples worthy thee.

O Source of uncreated light,

the Father’s promised Paraclete,

thrice holy Fount, thrice holy Fire,

our hearts with heavenly love inspire;

come, and thy sacred unction bring

to sanctify us while we sing.

Plenteous of grace, come from on high,

rich in thy sevenfold energy;

make us eternal truth receive,

and practise all that we believe;

give us thyself, that we may see

the Father and the Son by thee.

Words: John Dryden (1631-1700), translation of *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Music: Henry Carey (c. 1690-1743)