



Now Do We Pray
God, the Holy Ghost

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Text: Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist; st. 1, German (late Middle Ages); st. 2-4, Martin Luther (1524);
tr. Richard Massie (1854), alt.

Tune: Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist; Wittenberg 1524

Setting: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); BWV 385

S.
A.



1. Now do we pray God, the Ho - ly Ghost,
2. Shine in our hearts, O most pre-cious Light,

T.
B.



5



For the true faith which we need the most, And that
That we Je - sus Christ may know a - right, Cling-ing



9



He de - fend us, when life is end - ing And from
to our Sav - ior, whose blood has bought us, Who a -




13




ex - ile home we shall be - wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
gain to our true home has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!



17



3. Thou sweet - est Love, grace on us be - stow;
4. Thou high - est Com - fort in ev - 'ry need!




21




Set our hearts with heav'n-ly fire a - glow, That with
Grant that nei - ther shame nor death we heed; That e'en




25



hearts u - nit - ed we love each o - ther Of one
then our cour - age may ne - ver fail us, When at



29



mind, in peace with ev - 'ry bro - ther. Lord, have mer - cy!
last the accus - er shall sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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