

P R E C E S

In this Holy Year of Jubilee, let us pay homage to the Spirit of the Father and the Son with the following fine sequence of Adam of Saint Victor.

Veni, summe Consolator,
Spes salutis, vitæ dator,
Adsit tua gratia!

Dulcis ardor, ros divine,
Bonitatis germine
Eadem substantia.

Ad utroque derivatus,
Et a neutro separatus,
Ad utrumque colligatus
Sempiterno fœdere;

Ros et vapor utriusque,
Donet Pater Filiusque
Quod effluas ad nos usque
Largifluo munere.

Rorem audis et vaporem,
Crede simul et odorem
Quo Deus discernitur.

Rorem istum quem emittit
Qui plus gustat, magis sitit,
Nec ardor reprimitur.

Plebs ut sacra renascatur,
Per hunc unda consecratur,
Cui super ferebatur
In rerum exordium;

Fons origo pietatis,
Fons emundans a peccatis,
Fons de fonte deitatis,
Fons sacrator fontium!

Ignis vive, vivax unda,
Munda sinus et fecunda,
Subministra gratiam;

Charitatis tactos igne,
Nosmet tibi fac benigne

Come, O best of Comforters,
Hope of our salvation, giver
of life! Aid us with thy grace.
O sweet fire, O divine dew!
Thou art, with Father and Son,
the germ of infinite goodness.

Thou proceedest from both;
from neither ever separate,
but united to both with an ever-
lasting link. O thou their
dew and Spirit! May the Fa-
ther and Son grant thee to flow
in copious gift, even unto us.

Christian! He is the dew and
Spirit: believe, too, that he
is the fragrance that tells thee
he is God. The more we drink
of this heaven-sent dew, the
more we thirst to drink, and
pant the more to have.

That we may be regenerated
as children of God, he
gives water its mystic power,
he that moved over the waters,
when this world began. He is
the fount of holiness, the fount
that cleanses us from sin, the
fount that springs from the
fountain Godhead, the fount
that consecrates the font.

Living fire, O life-giving
stream! Cleanse and fruc-
tify our hearts, and give them
grace. Inflame us with the fire
of charity, and then, in mercy,
make us a holy offering to thy-
self.