

Come Thou Redeemer of the
Earth

16. COME, THOU REDEEMER OF THE EARTH

(*Veni, Redemptor gentium*)

ST AMBROSE (340–397)
tr. J. M. NEALE and others

Traditional melody
adapted by M. PRAETORIUS (1571–1621)
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

$\text{♩} = 96$ **VERSE 1***
mf

SOPRANOS
(and ALTOS)

1. Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, And

ORGAN

Ch. flutes *p*

(Man.)

ma - ni - fest — thy vir - gin - birth: Let

ev - 'ry age a - dor - ing fall; Such

birth be - fits the God of all.

Also available separately (*Six Christmas Hymns* arr. David Willcocks)

* Verse 1 may be sung unaccompanied.

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VERSES 2-7★

CHOIR
and
ORGAN

2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, But of the
vir - gin womb that bur - den gained With vir - gin

Spi - rit, thou art still The Word of God in
ho - nour all un - stained; The ban - ners there of

flesh ar - rayed, The pro - mised fruit to man dis - played.
vir - tue glow; God in his tem - ple dwells be - low.

4. Forth from his chamber goeth he,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now his course to run.

6. O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

5. From God the Father he proceeds,
To God the Father back he speeds;
His course he runs to death and hell,
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

7. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.

VERSE 8 *f*

DESCANT (SOPRANOS)

f 8. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose ad -
 * 8. All laud to God the Fa - ther be, All praise,

ALL OTHER VOICES

8. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose ad - vent
 * 8. All laud to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e -

ORGAN

Gt. + Sw. *f*
 Tuba *f*
 Ped.

- vent sets thy peo-ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther we
 e - ter - nal Son, to thee: All glo - ry, as is ev -

sets thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -
 - ter - nal Son, to thee: All glo - ry, as is ev - er

- a-dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more. A - men.
 - er meet, To God the Ho - ly Pa - ra-clete. A - men.

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