

**Canon for Pentecost** is appropriate throughout the season of Pentecost. Suggested corresponding lectionary readings include 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Psalm 20, Mark 2: 23-28 and 3: 1-6, and 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12. One basic homiletical theme is seeking the cleansing renewal of the Holy Spirit.

This anthem may be performed by S.A.B. choirs or by two-part mixed voices with the omission of the alto part. The simple theme should be taught to all voices singing in unison on a neutral syllable such as “noo” until uniform tone and fluid phrasing are achieved. Next, rehearse the canon found in m. 14-22 on “noo,” carefully tuning and refining the ensemble. Finally, add the text with sensitive text declamation and dynamic shading.

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# CANON FOR PENTECOST

for S.A.B. or two-part mixed voices,\*  
accompanied

Anon. 8th century hymn

Music by  
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Gently (♩ = ca. 84 - 88)

ACCOMP.

*p* *mp*

Pedal carefully.

4 UNISON VOICES *mp* 5

De - scend, O heav'n - ly dove; A -

7 *mf*

bide with us to - day And, in the full - ness

\* Two-part mixed voices should omit the alto part.

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10 *dim.*

of your love, — cleanse us, we pray.

*dim.*

13 **SOPRANO**  
**ALTO**  
**BARITONE**

14 *p unis.*

De - scend, O — heav'n - ly dove; A -

De - scend, O — heav'n - ly

*p*

16 *cresc.* *mf*

bide with us to - day And, in the full - ness

dove; A - bide with us to - day And

*cresc.* *mf*

19 *dim.*

of your love, — cleanse us, we pray. —

*dim.*

in the full - ness of your love, — cleanse us, we

22 *mp* **23** A little faster

— You are the source of life;

*mp*

pray.

A little faster

*mf*

25 *unis. sub. mp* *f*

You are our treas - ure store. Give us your peace and

*(mel.) mf* *f*

*mf* *f*

28 *unis.* *mf*

end our strife for - ev - er - more, for -

31 *rit.* *mf* 33 **Tempo I**

ev - er - more

*rit.* *p* **Tempo I**

34 *mp unis.*

De - scend, O\_\_ heav'n - ly

*mp*

De - scend, O\_\_ heav'n - ly dove; A -

37 *cresc.* *mf*

dove; A - bide with us to - day And,

*cresc.* *mf*

bide with us to - day And, in the full - ness

40 *dim.*

in the full - ness of your love, — cleanse us, we

*dim.*

of your love, — cleanse us, we pray. De -

43 *mp rit. e dim.* *pp*

pray. De - scend, O — heav'n - ly dove.

*rit. e dim.* *pp*

scend, O — heav'n - ly dove. —

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