

From Adam, While Long Ages Ran

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VENI REDEMPTOR GENTIUM

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Latin Chant

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Setting: Sethus Calvisius, 1597, alt.

1 From Ad-am, while long ag-es ran, Cor-rup-ted was the flesh of man,
2 Fast bound we lay in sore dis-tress, Be-neath the sway of sin and death;
3 God looked from out His ho-ly hill To find but one who did His will,
4 Yea, ho-li-ness that just-i-fies And right-eous-ness that life sup-plies

Sick un-to death were bod-y, soul, In all his na-ture naught was whole.
We sank in - to the depths of hell, And none could help our an-guish quell.
A man made af-ter His own heart, But naught but flesh and blood ap-peared.
In Ad-am per-ished from the earth, From whom all sin-ners have their birth.

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| 5 When He beheld our grievous wound,
Nor helper nor physician found,
He thought upon His mighty love,
His Word e'er firmly fixed above. | 9 Though much they longed for this delight,
It was not granted them by sight,
Yet they this comfort had by faith:
Ere long they'd be redeemed and saved. |
| 6 Spake He, My mercy now be done:
For all the world I'll give My Son,
Their great Physician in distress,
To grant them health and blessedness. | 10 At last the proper time arrived
Which Jacob once had prophesied:
A virgin maiden was espoused
Unto a man of David's house. |
| 7 To Abraham an oath He swore,
To David's house forevermore:
A Son He promised He would give,
Through whom the dying world would live. | 11 In her His mighty pow'r He wrought,
From virgin mother forth He brought
The promised Child, both pure and blest,
With grace and truth alike possessed. |
| 8 To prophets too He made it known,
And through their mouth the Word was sown;
Good men of high and low estate
For ages long did Him await. | 12 O Christ, Thou blessed virgin's Seed,
In purest chastity conceived,
Thy blessing grant, and make us free,
Our Savior, Health, and Comfort be. |