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Now pray we all God, the Comforter.

The first stanza from an ancient German hymn. The other stanzas added by Luther.

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MELODY, 1525.

Harmony by A. Haupt, 1869.

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Melody of the thirteenth Century. Harmony by A. HAUPT, 1869.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is a simple, hymn-like tune. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

Now pray we all God, the Com - fort - er, In - to ev - ery
heart true faith to pour, And that he de - fend... us, Yea, till death tend us,
When for heav'n we leave this world of sor - row. Have mer - cy, Lord.

- - 1 Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist
 - Um den rechten Glauben allermeist,
 - Dass er uns behüte an unserm Ende,
 - Wann wir heimfahr'n aus diesem Elende.
 - Kyrieleis!
- - 2 Du werthes Licht, gib uns deinen Schein,
 - Lehr' uns Jesum Christ kennen allein,
 - Dass wir an ihm bleiben, dem treuen Heiland,
 - Der uns bracht hat zum rechten Vaterland.
 - Kyrieleis!
- - 3 Du füsse Lieb', schenk uns deine Gunst,
 - Lass uns empfinden der Liebe Brunst,

- Dass wir uns von Herzen einander lieben
- Und in Frieden auf einem Sinn bleiben.
- Kyrioleis!

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- 4Du höchster Tröster in aller Noth,
- Hilf, dass wir nicht fürchten Schand noch Tod,
- Dass in uns die Sinne nicht verzagen,
- Wenn der Feind wird das Leben verklagen.
- Kyrioleis!

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- 1Now pray we all God, the Comforter,
- Into every heart true faith to pour
- And that he defend us, Till death here end us,
- When for heaven we leave this world of sorrow.
- Have mercy, Lord.

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- 2Shine into us, O most holy Light,
- That we Jesus Christ may know aright;
- Stayed on him forever, Our only Saviour,
- Who to our true home again hath brought us.
- Have mercy, Lord.

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- 3Spirit of love, now our spirits bless;
- Them with thy own heavenly fire possess;
- That in heart uniting, In peace delighting,
- We may henceforth all be one in spirit.
- Have mercy, Lord.

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- 4Our highest comfort in all distress!
- O let naught with fear our hearts oppress:
- Give us strength unfailing O'er fear prevailing,
- When th' accusing foe would overwhelm us.
- Have mercy, Lord.