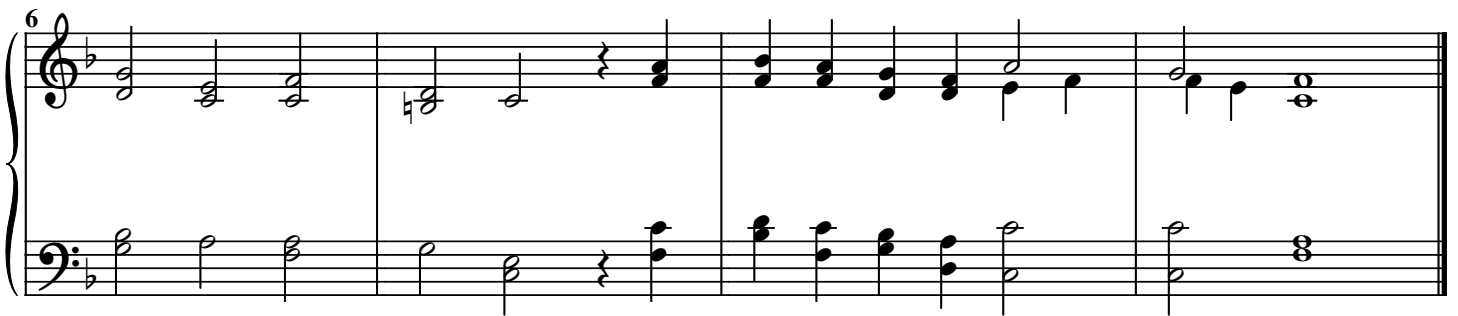


# All mankind fell in Adam's fall

Louis Bourgeois, c 1510-1561

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All mankind fell in Adam's fall,  
One common sin infects them all;  
From sire to son the bane descends,  
And over all the curse impends.

Through all man's powers corruption creeps  
And him in dreadful bondage keeps;  
In guilt he draws his infant breath  
And reaps its fruits of woe and death.

From hearts depraved, to evil prone,  
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;  
God's image lost, the darkened soul  
Nor seeks nor finds its heavenly goal.

But Christ, the second Adam, came  
To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
To be our Life, our Light, our Way,  
Our only Hope, our only Stay.

As by one man all mankind fell  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place,  
We all received the gift of grace.

We thank Thee, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new powers:  
May grace our every way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end!

Lazarus Spengler