

*Sancte venite, Corpus Christi sumite*

# Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

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F Dm B $\flat$  C F Gm F F C

1. Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord, and drink his  
2. Our true Re - deem - er, Christ the on - ly Son, by cross and  
3. The vic - tims of - fered by the law of old, as signs from  
4. Let us ap - proach with lov - ing hearts sin - cere, and take the  
5. With bread of life he makes the hun - gry whole, gives liv - ing

Dm Am F C C C B $\flat$  F C

1. ho - ly blood for you out - poured; saved by his bod - y  
2. blood a might - y vic - t'ry won, off - 'ring him - self for  
3. God, e - ter - nal mys - t'ries told, now Christ our light, the  
4. pledge of our sal - va - tion here; Christ, who his faith - ful  
5. wa - ters to each thirst - y soul. Christ Je - sus, first and

Am Gm F C Am Dm Gm A Gm F

1. and his pre - cious blood, our souls re - freshed, we of - fer thanks to God.  
2. great - est and for least, him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.  
3. ran - som of our race, gives to his own this end - less source of grace.  
4. ser - vants rules and shields, to all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields.  
5. last, is with us now, to him at end of time we all shall bow.

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