

*Sancte venite, Corpus Christi sumite*

# Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

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1. Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2. saved by his bod - y and his pre - cious blood,  
3. Our true Re - deem - er, Christ the on - ly Son,  
4. off - 'ring him - self for great - est and for least,  
5. The vic - tims of - fered by the law of old,  
6. now Christ our light, the ran - som of our race,  
7. Let us ap - proach with lov - ing hearts sin - cere,  
8. Christ, who his faith - ful ser - vants rules and shields,  
9. With bread of life he makes the hun - gry whole,  
10. Christ Je - sus, first and last, is with us now,

1. and drink his ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
2. our souls re - freshed, we of - fer thanks to God.  
3. by cross and blood a might - y vic - t'ry won,  
4. him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.  
5. as signs from God, e - ter - nal mys - t'ries told,  
6. gives to his own this end - less source of grace.  
7. and take the pledge of our sal - va - tion here;  
8. to all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields.  
9. gives liv - ing wa - ters to each thirst - y soul.  
10. to him at end of time we all shall bow.

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