

*Sancte venite, Corpus Christi sumite*

# Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

John M. Neale / COENA DOMINI

1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
2. saved by his body and his precious blood,  
3. Our true Redeemer, Christ the only 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.

Inspiration: "Sancte venite, Corpus Christi sumite" from the "Antiphony of Bennchar", 7th cent.  
Lyrics: 10.10.10.10; John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, in his "Mediæval Hymns and Sequences", 1851.  
Music: COENA DOMINI; Arthur Seymour Sullivan, 1842-1900, in "Church Hymns", 1874.