

Sancte venite, Corpus Christi sumite

Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

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1. Draw nigh and take the bod - y of the Lord;
2. saved by that bod - y, hal - lowed by that blood,
3. Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ the on - ly Son,
4. of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
5. Vic - tims were of - fered by the Law of old
6. he, ran - som - er from death and light from shade,
7. Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
8. He that in this world rules his saints, and shields,
9. with heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,
10. Al - pha and O - me - ga, to whom shall bow



1. and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
2. where - by re - freshed, we of - fer thanks to God.
3. by that his Cross and blood the vic - t'ry won;
4. him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.
5. that, in a type, cel - es - tial mys - t'ries told;
6. giv - eth his ho - ly grace, his saints to aid.
7. and take the safe - guard of 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. all na - tions at the doom, is with us now.

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