Sequence CORPUS CHRISTI

Lauda Sion



- Laud, O Zion, your salvation,
 Laud with hymns of ex- ultation,
 Christ, your king and shep- herd true:
 - 2 . Bring him all the *praise you know,*He is more than *you bestow.*Never can you reach *his due.*
- 3. Special theme for *glad thanksgiving*Is the quick'ning *and the living*Bread today before you set:'
- 4. From his hands of *old partaken*,
 As we know, by *faith unshaken*,
 Where the Twelve at *supper met*.
- 5. Full and clear ring *out your chanting*,

 Joy nor sweetest *grace be wanting*,

 From your heart let *praises burst:*
- 6. For today the *feast is holden,*When the insti- *tution olden*Of that supper was rehearsed.



- 7. Here the new law's *new oblation*,
 By the new king's *revelation*,
 Ends the form of *ancient rite*:
- 8. Now the new the *old effaces*,

 Truth away the *shadow chases*,

 Light dispels the *gloom of night*.
- 9. What he did at *supper seated,*Christ ordained to *be repeated,*His memorial *ne'er to cease:*
- 10. And his rule for *guidance taking*,

 Bread and wine we *hallow*, *making*Thus our sacrifice of peace.
- 11 . This the truth each Christian learns,
 Bread into his flesh he turns,
 To his precious blood the wine:
- 12. Sight has fail'd, nor thought conceives,
 But a dauntless faith believes,
 Resting on a pow'r divine

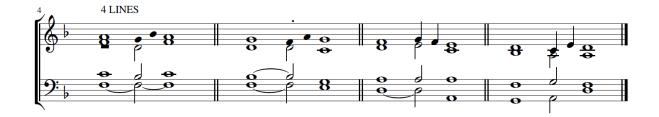


- 13. Here beneath these signs are hidden Priceless things to sense forbidden; Signs, not things are all we see:
- 14. Blood is poured and flesh is broken,
 Yet in either wondrous token
 Christ entire we know to be.
- 15. Whoso of this *food partakes*,

 Does not rend the *Lord nor breaks*;

 Christ is whole to *all that taste*:
- 16. Thousands are, as *one, receivers,*One, as thousands *of believers,*Eats of him who *cannot waste.*
- 17 . Bad and good the *feast are sharing*,
 Of what divers *dooms preparing*,
 Endless death, *or endless life*.
- 18. Life to these, to those damnation,
 See how like participation
 Is with unlike issues rife.

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- 19. When the sacrament is broken, [4]
 Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken,
 That each sever'd outward token
 doth the very whole contain.
- 20. Nought the precious *gift divides*,
 Breaking but the *sign betides*Jesus still the *same abides*,
 still unbroken *does remain*.

The shorter form of the sequence begins here.

- 21. Lo! the angel's food is given

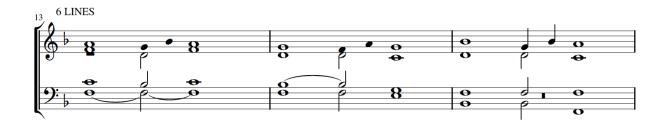
 To the pilgrim who has striven;
 see the children's bread from heaven,
 which on dogs may not be spent.
- 22. Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
 Isaac bound, a victim willing,
 Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
 manna to the fathers sent.



23. Very bread, good *shepherd, tend us,* [5] Jesu, of your *love befriend us,*

You refresh us, you defend us,

Your eternal *goodness send us*In the land of *life to see.*



24. You who all things can and know, [6]

Who on earth such food bestow,

Grant us with your saints, though low,,



Where the heav'nly feast you show,

Fellow heirs and guests to be.

Amen. Alleluia.