SEQUENCES OF THE ROMAN RITE

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CORPUS CHRISTI
SEQUENCE

2. English Version.

Plainsong, Mode 7
Harmonized by Samuel Weber, O.S.B.
Alternate key: 5 sharps

1. Laud, O Si-on, thy sal-va-tion, Laud with hymns of ex-ul-ta-tion, Christ,

thy king and shep-herd true: 2. Bring him all the praise thou know-est, He is more than

thou be-stow-est, Nev-er canst thou reach his due. 3. Spe-cial theme for glad thanksgiv-

ing Is the quick’ning and the liv-ing Bread to-day be-fore thee set: 4. From his
hands of old par-tak-en, As we know, by faith un-shak-en, Where the
twelve at sup- per met. 5. Full and clear ring out thy chant-ing, Joy nor
sweet-est grace be want-ing, From thy heart let prais-es burst: 6. For to-
the feast is hold- en, When the in-sti-tu-tion old-en Of that sup- per was
re-hearsed. 7. Here the new law’s new ob-la-tion, By the new king’s rev-e-
la-tion,
8. Now the new the old effaceth, Truth a-way the sha-dow chaseth, Light dis-pels the gloom of night. 9. What he did at sup-per seat-ed, Christ or-dained to be re-peat-ed, His me-morial ne'er to cease: 10. And his rule for guid-ance tak-ing, Bread and wine we hal-low, mak-ing Thus our sac-ri-fice of peace. 11. This the truth each Chris-tian
learn-eth, Bread in-to his flesh he turn-eth, To his pre-cious blood the wine:

12. Sight hath fail’d, nor thought con-ceiv-eth, But a daunt-less faith be-liev-eth,

Rest-ing on a pow’r di-vine. 13. Here be-neth these signs are hid-den

Price-less things to sense for-bid-den; Signs, not things are all we see: 14. Blood

is poured and flesh is brok-en, Yet in eith-er won-drous tok-en Christ en-tire
we know to be. 15. Who-so of this food part-tak-eth, Rend-eth not the Lord

nor break-eth Christ is whole to all that taste: 16. Thousands are, as one,

re-ceiv-ers, One, as thousands of be-liev-ers, Eats of him who can-not waste.

17. Bad and good the feast are shar-ing, Of what di-vers dooms pre-par-ing,

End-less death, or end-less life. 18. Life to these, to those dam-na-tion, See
how like participation Is with unlike issues rife. 19. When the sacrament is broken, Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken, That each severed outward token Doth the very whole contain. 20. Nought the precious gift divided, Breaking but the sign betideth Jesus still the same abideth, Still unbroken doth remain. 21. Lo! the angels' food is given To the pilgrim
who hath striven; See the children's bread from heaven, Which on dog's may not be spent. 22. Truth the ancient types fulfilling, Isaac bound, a victim willing, Paschal lamb, its life blood spilling, Manna to the fathers sent. 23. Very bread, good shepherd, tend us, Jesus, of thy love befriend us, Thou refresh us, thou defend us, Thine eternal
goodness send us In the land of life to see. 24. Thou who all things
canst and know-est, Who on earth such food be- stow-est, Grant us with
thy saints, though low-est, Where the heav'n-ly feast thou show-est, Fel-low
heirs and guests to be. A-men, al-le- lú- ia.