Sequence for the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
"Lauda Sion Salvatorem"

Sequence

Mode 7

1. Laud, O Si-on, thy sal-va-tion, Laud with hymns of ex-ul-ta-tion,
2. Bring him all the praise thou know-est, He is more than thou be-stow-est,

Christ, thy king and shep-herd true: 3. Spe-cial theme for glad thanks-giv-ing
Ne-ver canst thou reach his due. 4. From his hands of old par-tak-en,

Is the quick-ning and the liv-ing Bread to-day be-fore thee set:
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,
7. Here the new law's new ob-la-tion, By the new king's reve-la-tion,

From thy heart let prais-es burst. 6. For to-day the feast is hold-en,
Ends the form of an-cient rite: 8. Now the new the old ef-fac-eth,

When the in-sti-tu-tion old-en Of that sup-per was re-hearsed.
Truth a-way the shad-ow chas-eth, Light dis-pels the gloom of night.

9. What he did at sup-per seat-ed, Christ or-dained to be re-peat-ed,
10. And his rule for guid-ance tak-ing, Bread and wine we hal-low, mak-ing

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His memorial ne'er to cease: 11. This the truth each Christian learn-eth
Thus our sacrifice of peace. 12. Sight hath fail'd, nor thought conceiv-eth,

Bread into his flesh he turn-eth, To his precious blood the wine:
But a daunt-less faith believ-eth, Rest-ing on a power di-vine.

13. Here beneath these signs are hid-den Price-less things to sense for-bid-den;
14. Blood is poured and flesh is bro-ken, Yet in ei-ther won-drous to-ken

Signs, not things are all we see: 15. Who so of this food par-tak-eth,
Christ entire we know to be. 16. Thou-sands are, as one, re-ciev-ers,

Rend-eth not the Lord nor break-eth, Christ is whole to all that taste:
One, as thou-sands of believ-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,
18. Life to these, to those dam-na- tion, See how like par-ti-ci-pa-tion

End-less death, or end-less life. 19. When the sac-ra-ment is bro-ken,
Is with un-like is-sues rife. 20. Nought the pre-cious gift di-vid-eth,
Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken, That each severed outward token
Breaking but the sign betideth Jesus still the same abideth,
do that very whole contain. 21. Lo! the angels' food is given
still unbroken doth remain. 22. Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
To the pilgrim who hath striven; See the children's bread from heaven,
Isaac bound, a victim willing, Paschal lamb, its life blood spilling,
Which on dogs may not be spent. 23. Very bread, good shepherd tend us,
manna to the fathers sent. 24. Thou who all things canst and knowest,
Jesus, of thy love befriend us, Thou refresh us, thou defend us,
Who on earth such food bestowest, Grant us with thy saints, though lowest,
Thine eternal goodness send us In the land of life to see.
Where the heav'nly feast thou showest, Fellow heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia.