WESTMINSTER ABBEY • "Tantum Ergo" • St. Thomas Aquinas

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ANGE lingua gloriósi Córporis mystérium Sanguinísque pretiósi, Quem in mundi prétium Fructus ventris generósi, Rex effúdit géntium.

- 2. Nobis datus, nobis natus Ex intácta Vírgine, Et in mundo conversátus, Sparso verbi sémine, Sui moras incolátus Miro clausit órdine.
- 3. In suprémae nocte cenae Recúmbens cum frátribus, Observáta lege plene Cibis in legálibus, Cibum turbae duodénae Se dat suis mánibus
- 4. Verbum caro, panem verum Verbo carnem éfficit, Fitque sanguis Christi merum, Et si sensus déficit, Ad firmándum cor sincérum Sola fides súfficit.

ANTUM ergo Sacraméntum Venerémur cérnui:
Et antíquum documéntum
Novo cedat rítui:
Praestet fides suppleméntum
Sénsuum deféctui.

6. Genitóri, Genitóque Laus et jubilátio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedíctio: Procedénti ab utróque Compar sit laudátio. UBLISH, O tongue, the mystery of the glorious Body and the precious Blood that, as the cost of the world, he who was the fruit of a noble womb, the King of the nations, poured forth.

- 2. Given for us, born for us of a Virgin unblemished, and having lived in the world, strewing the seed of the word, he closed the periods of his abiding with a wondrous scheme.
- 3. On the night of that paramount supper reclining with his brethren, having kept the Law fully through the foods of the Law, with his own hands he gives himself as food to the host of twelve.
- 4. The Word who is flesh, makes true bread to be flesh through his word, and wine becomes the blood of Christ, and if sense fails, faith by itself is enough to assure the guileless heart.

THEREFORE let us reverence a Sacrament so great: and let the ancient injunction yield to the new observance: let faith furnish support to the inadequacy of the senses.

6. To the Begetter, and the Begotten be praise and triumph, salvation, worship, and power and blessing also be: to the one proceeding from each of them be equivalent praising.

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