

# Pange Lingua

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Written by St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, this hymn is considered the most

**P** **ANGE**lingua, gloriosi

Corporis mysterium,

Sanguisque pretiosi,

quem in mundi pretium

fructus ventris generosi

Flex **S** **ING** **U** **M** tongue, the Savior's glory,

of His flesh the mystery sing;

of the Blood, all price exceeding,

shed by our immortal King,

destined, for the world's redemption,

from a noble womb to spring.

Nobis datus, nobis natus

ex intacta Virgine,

et in mundo conversatus,

sparso verbi semine,

sui moras incolatus

miro **C** **A** **M** **I** **N** **E** and spotless Virgin

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born for us on earth below,  
He, as Man, with man conversing,  
stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;  
then He closed in solemn order  
wondrously His life of woe.

In supremae nocte cenae  
recumbens cum fratribus  
observata lege plene  
cibus in legalibus,  
cibum turbae duodenae  
se dat sustinens, of that Last Supper,  
seated with His chosen band,  
He the Pascal victim eating,  
first fulfills the Law's command;  
then as Food to His Apostles  
gives Himself with His own hand.

Verbum caro, panem verum  
verbo carnem efficit:  
fitque sanguis Christi merum,  
et si sensus deficit,  
ad firmandum cor sincerum  
sola fides sufficit. Word made-Flesh, the bread of nature  
by His word to Flesh He turns;  
wine into His Blood He changes;-  
what though sense no change discerns?  
Only be the heart in earnest,  
faith her lesson quickly learns.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
veneremur cernui:  
et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui:  
praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui. Obedience  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail;  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,  
newer rites of grace prevail;  
faith for all defects supplying,  
where the feeble sense fail.

Genitori, Genitoque  
laus et iubilatio,  
salus, honor, virtus quoque  
sit et benedictio:  
procedenti ab utroque  
compar sit laudatio.  
Amen. Alleluia the everlasting Father,  
and the Son who reigns on high,

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	with the Holy Ghost proceeding
	forth from Each eternally,
	be salvation, honor, blessing,
	might and endless majesty.
	Amen. Alleluia.

From Liturgia Horarum. Tr. Fr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878).

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