

Sacris Solemniis

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At This Our Solemn Feast

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This is one of the five beautiful hymns St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) composed [Pais Angels](#) in the

SACRIS solemniis

iuncta sint gaudia,
et ex praecordiis
sonent praeconia;
recedant vetera,
nova sint omnia,
corda ~~At This Our Solemn Feast~~
let holy joys abound,
and from the inmost breast
let songs of praise resound;
let ancient rites depart,
and all be new around,
in every act, and voice, and heart.

Noctis recolitur

cena novissima,
qua Christus creditur
agnum et azyma
dedisse fratribus,
iuxta legitima
priscis ~~Reindeer pate this~~
when, the Last Supper spread,
Christ, as we all believe,
the Lamb, with leavenless bread,
among His brethren shared,
and thus the Law obeyed,

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of all unto their sire declared.

Post agnum typicum,

expletis epulis,

Corpus Dominicum

datum discipulis,

sic totum omnibus,

quod totum singulis,

eius ~~typicum~~ **manducatis** consumed,

the legal Feast complete,

the Lord unto the Twelve

His Body gave to eat;

the whole to all, no less

the whole to each did mete

with His own hands, as we confess.

Dedit fragilibus

corporis ferculum,

dedit et tristibus

sanguinis poculum,

dicens: Accipite

quod trado vasculum;

omnes ~~legere~~ **debite**, weak and frail,

His Flesh, their Food to be;

on them, downcast and sad,

His Blood bestowed He:

and thus to them He spake,

"Receive this Cup from Me,

and all of you of this partake."

Sic sacrificium

istud instituit,

cuius officium

committi voluit

solis presbyteris,

quibus sic congruit,

ut ~~sua~~ **institueret**.

to institute did will,

and charged His priests alone

that office to fulfill:

in them He did confide:

to whom it pertains still

to take, and the rest divide.

Panis angelicus

fit panis hominum;

dat panis caelicus

figuris terminum;

O res mirabilis:

manducat Dominum

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paup^{er} These Angels' Bread is made
the Bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven
with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.

Te, trina Deitas

unaque, poscimus:
sic nos tu visita,
sicut te colimus;
per tuas semitas
duc nos quo tendimus,
ad lucem, tuam hanc, hanc explore,
o Godhead, One in Three,
so may Thou visit us
as we now worship Thee;
and lead us on Thy way,
That we at last may see
the light wherein Thou dwellest aye.

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