Sequence CORPUS CHRISTI

**Lauda Sion**

1. Laud, O Zion, *your salvation*,
 Laud with hymns of ex- *ultation,*
     Christ, your king and shep- *herd true*:

 **2 . Bring him all the *praise you know,*
 He is more than *you bestow.*
    Never can you reach *his due.***

3. Special theme for *glad thanksgiving*
 Is the quick’ning *and the living*
     Bread today bef*ore you set:’*

**4. From his hands of *old partaken,*
 As we know, by *faith unshaken,*
     Where the Twelve at *supper met.***

5. Full and clear ring *out your chanting,*
 Joy nor sweetest *grace be wanting,*
     From your heart let *praises burst:*

 **6. For today the *feast is holden,*
 When the insti- *tution olden*
     Of that supper *was rehearsed.***

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7. Here the new law’s *new oblation,*
 By the new king’s *revelation,*
     Ends the form of *ancient rite:*

 **8. Now the new the *old effaces,*
 Truth away the *shadow chases,*
    Light dispels the *gloom of night.***

9. What he did at *supper seated,*
 Christ ordained to *be repeated,*
     His memorial *ne’er to cease:*

**10. And his rule for *guidance taking,*
 Bread and wine we *hallow, making*
    Thus our sacri*fice of peace.***

11 . This the truth each Christian learns,
 Bread into his flesh he turns,
     To his precious blood the wine:

**12. Sight has fail’d, nor *thought conceives,*
 But a dauntless *faith believes,*
    Resting on a *pow’r divine***

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13. Here beneath these signs are hidden
 Priceless things to sense forbidden;
     Signs, not things are all we see:

 **14. Blood is poured and *flesh is broken,*
 Yet in either *wondrous token*
    Christ entire we *know to be.***

15. Whoso of this *food partakes,*
 Does not rend the *Lord nor breaks;*
    Christ is whole to *all that taste:*

 **16. Thousands are, as *one, receivers,*
 One, as thousands *of believers,*
    Eats of him who *cannot waste.***

17 . Bad and good the *feast are sharing,*
 Of what divers *dooms preparing,*
    Endless death, *or endless life.*

**18 . Life to these, to *those damnation,*
 See how like *participation*
    Is with unlike *issues rife.***

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19 . When the sacra*ment is broken,* [4]
 Doubt not, but be*lieve ‘tis spoken,*
     That each sever’d *outward token*
     doth the very *whole contain.*

**20. Nought the precious *gift divides,*
 Breaking but the *sign betides*
     Jesus still the *same abides,*
     still unbroken *does remain.***

   *The shorter form of the sequence begins here.*

21. Lo! the angel’s food is given
 To the pilgrim who has striven;
    see the children’s bread from heaven,
     which on dogs may not be spent.

**22. Truth the ancient *types fulfilling,*
 Isaac bound, a *victim willing,*
     Paschal lamb, its *lifeblood spilling,*
    manna to the *fathers sent.***



23. Very bread, good *shepherd, tend us,* [5]
 Jesu, of your *love befriend us,*
     You refresh us, *you defend us,*
    Your eternal *goodness send us*
 In the land of *life to see.*



24. You who all things *can and know,* [6]
 Who on earth such *food bestow,*
     Grant us with your *saints, though low,,*


    Where the heav’nly feast you show,
 Fellow heirs and guests to be.

 Amen. *Alleluia.*