

# LAUDA SION

## SEQUENCE FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

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LAUDA SION SALVATOREM  
*Graduale romany*  
Modes VII & V

1. Laud, O Si - on, thy Sal - va - tion,      Laud with hymns of ex - ult - at - ion  
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'n - ing 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 rev - e - 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,      Day is break - ing on the night.

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

His me - mo - rial ne'er to cease:      11. This the truth each Christ - ian learn - eth,  
Thus our Sac - ri - fice of peace.      12. Sight hath fail'd, nor thought con - ceiv - eth,

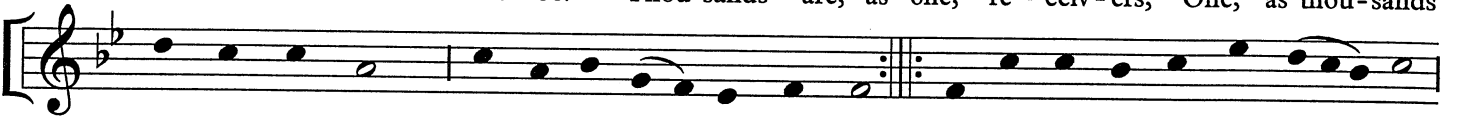
Bread in - to his Flesh he turn - eth,      To his pre - cious Blood the wine:  
But a daunt - less faith be - liev - eth,      Rest - ing on a pow'r di - vine.



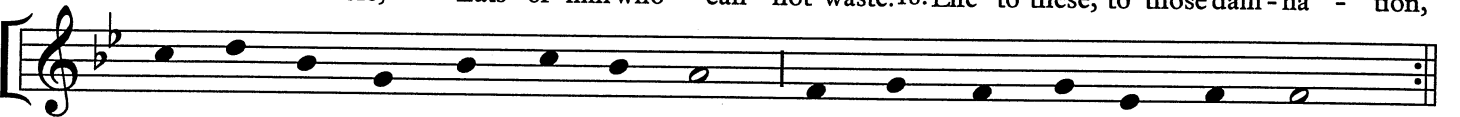
13. Here be - neath these signs are hid - den Price - less things to sense for - bid - den;  
 14. Blood is poured and Flesh is bro - ken, Yet in ei - ther won - drous to - ken



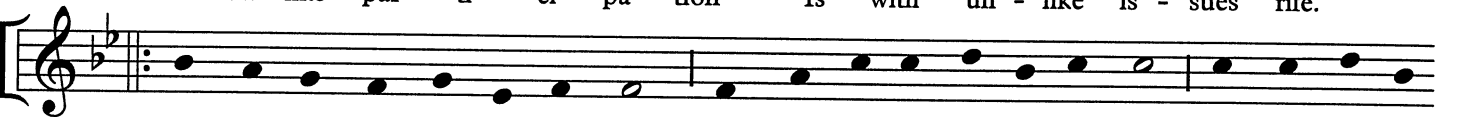
Signs, not things are all we see: 15. Who - so of this Food par - tak - eth, Rend - eth not the  
 Christ en - tire we know to be. 16. Thou - sands are, as one, re - ceiv - ers, One, as thou - sands



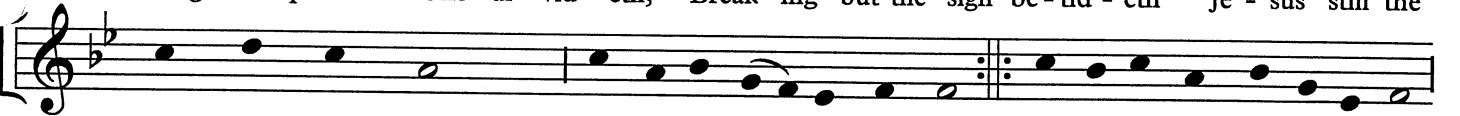
Lord nor break - eth Christ is whole to all that taste: 17. Bad and good the Feast are shar - ing,  
 of be - liev - ers, Eats of him who can - not waste. 18. Life to these, to those dam - na - tion,



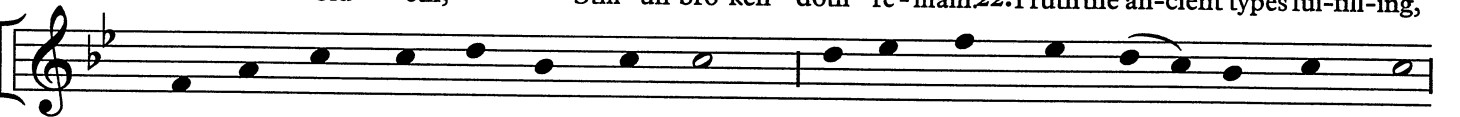
Of what di - vers dooms pre - par - ing, End - less death, or end - less life.  
 See how like par - ti - ci - pa - tion Is with un - like is - sues rife.



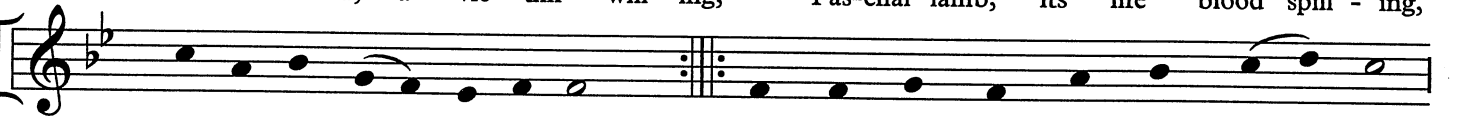
19. When the Sac - ra - ment is bro - ken, Doubt not, but be - lieve 'tis spo - ken, That each sev - ered  
 20. Nought the pre - cious Gift di - vid - eth, Break - ing but the sign be - tid - eth Je - sus still the



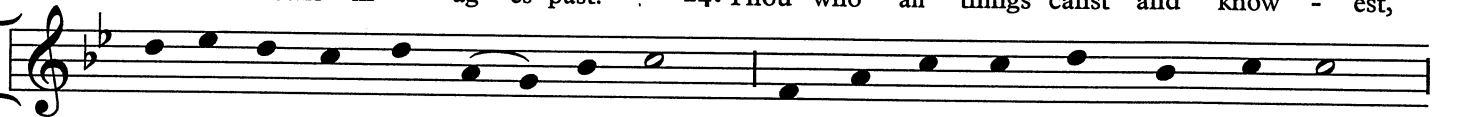
out - ward to - ken Doth the ver - y whole con - tain. 21. Lo! the an - gels' Food is giv - en  
 same a - bid - eth, Still un bro - ken doth re - main. 22. Truth the an - cient types ful - fill - ing,



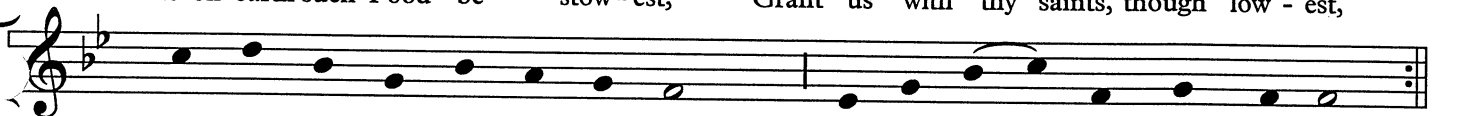
To the pil - grim who hath striv - en; See the child - rens' Bread from heav - en,  
 I - saac bound, a vic - tim will - ing, Pas - chal lamb, its life blood spill - ing,



Which to dogs may not be cast. 23. Ve - ry Bread, good Shep - herd, tend us,  
 Man - na sent in ag - es past. 24. Thou who all things canst and know - est,



Je - sus, of thy love be - friend us, Thou re - fresh us, thou de - fend us,  
 Who on earth such Food be - stow - est, Grant us with thy saints, though low - est,



Thine e - ter - nal good - ness send us In the land of life to see.  
 Where the heav'n - ly Feast thou show - est, Fel - low heirs and guests to be.