Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

_Ymnnum quando communicarent sacerdotes_

from the _Antiphonary of Bangor_ (680-691 A.D.), fol. 10v-11r

Tr. Harry Hagan, OSB

Hymn Tune:

**ERFYNIAD**, Welsh Hymn Melody harmonized by David Evans

Unison Voice & Keyboard
Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Christ

1. Draw near and take the body of your Christ and drink his blood poured out in sacrifice.

2. His body and his blood the world has saved, and fed by him we sing: "Let God be praised."

3. His body and his blood, this sacrament, frees us from darkest death as we repent.

4. Our Christ, the Giver of salvation 's cross, saves us by blood from sin and bitter loss.

5. The Lord is both the sacrifice and feast, for all the world the victim and the priest.

6. The sacrifice commanded by the law foreshadowed Christ's own sacrifice for all.

7. Our Savior, Christ, the Guard of time and space enfolds the saints with his translucent grace.

8. Let all who keep the bond of faith draw near and take this food, our shield, with reverent fear.

9. The Guard of Saints, their Lord of Life and Guide grants life to all who in his life abide.

10. He gives celestial bread to those in want, the thirsting drink from Him the living font

11. The Alpha and Omega, Christ the Lord, will come to judge that all may be restored.

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Moderato

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Chorus:

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