Personent Hodie!
Sing Gaudete!
from Gaudete Sunday to Christmas Eve

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Music from
Piae Cantiones, 1582

Score for Unison Voices and Guitar

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Liturgical Music
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1. Personent! Hodie!
   Sing and shout: Turn away!
   Turn from sin! Turn today!
   Turn from sin and sorrow!
   Joy shall come tomorrow!

   Chorus:
   Sing Gaude-de-te
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   Sing Gaude! Joy today!
   Christ the Lord is coming.

2. John cried out in the night:
   "Christ will come! Christ our light!
   He will set all aright
   By his proclamation
   To each land and nation."

3. John cried "Ho! All, repent!
   God foretold and has sent
   One like us to be spent
   For the sins of people.
   Tell it from the steeple."

4. Christ will come as a thief.
   Time is short! Oh, so brief!
   Christ will steal all our grief
   making us his plunder
   when he comes in wonder.

5. Lift your voice: Gaudete!
   For he comes - Soon the day.
   Yea, rejoice: Gaudete!
   Make your preparation.
   Soon is our salvation.

Christmas Eve:
6. Look the dawn springs on high.
   Red and rose fill the sky.
   For he comes! He is nigh!
   See, the day is dawning.
   Soon will come the morning.
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Tune from Piae Cantiones, 1582
chords from the internet

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3. John cried "Ho! All repent! God fore-told and has sent One like us
4. Christ will come as a thief. Time is short! Oh, so brief! Christ will steal
5. Lift your voice: Gaudete! For he comes, soon the day. Yea, rejoice:
6. Look the dawn springs on high. Red and rose fill the sky. For he comes!

1. Turn today! Turn from sin and sorrow! Christ shall come tomorrow!
2. all a-right by his proclamation to each land and nation.
3. to be spent for the sins of people. Tell it from the steeple!
4. all our grief making us his plunder when he comes in wonder.
5. Gaudete! Make your preparation. Soon is our salvation.
6. He is nigh! See, the day is dawning. Soon will come the morning.

Chorus:
Sing Gaudete! Sing: Gaudete!

Sing: Gaudete! Joy today! Christ the Lord is coming!

Latin pronunciation:
Personent = per-soh-nent, which means: "Let them proclaim."
Hodie = hoh-dee-ay, which means: "Today."
Gaudete = gaw-day-tay, which means: "Rejoice!"
The accent should follow the musical accent.

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