

LAUDA, SION

St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274

SEQUENCE FOR CORPUS CHRISTI AND THROUGHOUT
THE OCTAVE

SION, sing thy Saviour's praises ;
Whom thy canticle upraises
Is thy Guide and Shepherd true :
Great is He beyond comparing,
Nor can songs however daring,
Tell the praise which is His due.

But the Living Bread, that giveth
Life to every man who liveth,
Is our special theme to-day ;
Whom the Twelve at His own table
Did receive, as we are able
With no doubt at all to say.

Let our lauds be full, sonorous,
Thoughtful, joyful, and decorous
Be our praises, one and all ;
For our solemn day and festive
Doth, in all its rite suggestive,
That first loving feast recall.

At this board our new King, newly
Made the New Law's Pasch, and duly
Ended the old Paschal rite ;
Now antiquity is youthful ;
Now grow truth's old shadows truthful ;
Now doth day drive out the night.