

AT THE OFFERTORY

5. O LORD, WE COME

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1. O Lord, we come be - fore Thy throne To of - fer
 2. Con-trite of heart, with heads bowed low We of - fer
 3. Re-ceive our gifts as acts of thanks For gifts to

these, our gifts, to Thee, For both the liv - ing
 Thee, this most pure bread, That we, as vic - tims
 us be - yond all price; And first we do give

and the dead, That Thou from sin may set us free.
 of Thy love, May join with Christ, our Mys - tic Head.
 thanks for this, A share in Christ's great Sac - ri - fice

Refrain

As one with Christ, E - ter - nal Priest, we pray Thy glo - ry

be in - creased, We pray Thy glo - ry be in - creased.

ITS EDITORS LEFT NO STONE unturned in their quest for the best versions of these ancient Catholic hymns, combing through centuries of English translations from the sixteenth century to the present day. In the process, they have revealed much little-known material, and some that is published in a hymnal for the first time. [They] navigate this difficult terrain with assurance; indeed, the editors' explanation of the Urbanite reform and its impact on English translators is a model of clarity, and contains information this reviewer has not encountered elsewhere.