Ave verum corpus

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O sweet Jesus, O pious Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: may it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.

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