

We Come to the Altar

(Offertory Procession)

VERSES

Music & Words: Dr. Nicholas Azza

Allegro ma graziosa (♩ = 130)

mp

1. We come to the al - tar, bear - ing gifts_ of bread and wine,
2. From the_ ma - ny gifts you give to us, O Fa - ther,
3. With this ges-ture we re - call the_ gifts_ of bread and wine,

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fruit of the earth, work of hu-man hands, our gifts to you, O Fa - ther.
we have brought these, small, mo - dest gifts, to give back to you, Fa - ther.
gifts_ of King Mel - chi - ze - dek,___ Priest of God Most High._____

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With our gifts of bread and wine, we of - fer_ all of our-selves:
Re - ceive us, O Fa - ther. Be pleased with_ the sa - cri - fice,
We com-mit our gifts to Christ, who by His_ death on the cross,

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all_ our joys and all_ our pains, we bring to you, O Fa - ther.
that we of - fer you, Fa - ther, with hu - mble, con - trite hearts._____
has per-fect - ed all hu-man at-tempts to of - fer sa - cri - fice._____

CHORUS

33 *ff*

We come re - joi - cing, — we come with song and dance,

41 *mp*

bear - ing gifts of bread and wine, acc - ept our gifts, O Fa - ther.

49 *ff*

San - cti - fy the gifts we bring. Trans - form them, Ho - ly Ghost,

57 *mp*

in - to the bo - dy and blood of Christ, the per - fect sa - cri - fice.

CONCLUSION (after final chorus)

Al - migh - ty God, we praise_ you and wor - ship you. God, we

65 *ff*

O God we praise_ you, we wor - ship_ you,

We come re - joi - - cing, we

give you thanks, for so, ve-ry great is your lo - ve for man-kind

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give you thanks for_ so, ve-ry great your love for all man-kind

come_ with song and dance, bear - ing gifts of

75 that you gave us_ your on - ly son to re - deem us.

that you gave us your on - ly son to re - deem us.

bread and wine, our gifts to you, O Fa - ther.

So now we come with gifts_ of_ bread_ and wine. God we ask_ you to

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So we come with gifts_ of sweet bread and wine. We ask you to_

San - cti - fy the gifts we bring, trans - form_ them,

trans - form them in - to the bo - dy and blood of Je - sus

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trans - form them in - to the bo - dy and blood of Je - sus
Ho - ly Ghost, in - to the bo - dy and blood of

Christ, the **rit.** per - fect, per - fect sa - cri - fice!

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Christ, the per - fect, per - fect sa - cri - fice!
Christ, the per - fect sac - cri - fice.