

14th century

Ave verum corpus

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S. A - ve ve-rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir - gi-ne:
A. A - ve ve-rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir - gi-ne:
T. A - ve ve - rumcor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir - gi-ne:
B. A - ve ve-rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir - gi - ne:

Ve - re pas-sum, im - mo-la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi-ne:
Ve - re pas-sum, im - mo-la - tum in cru-ce pro ho - mi - ne:
Ve - re pas-sum, im - mo-la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne:
Ve - re pas-sum im - mo-la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi-ne:

Cu-ius la-tus per-fo-ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san-gui-ne, san - gui - ne:
Cu-ius la-tus per - fo-ra - tum, un-da flu - xit san-gui-ne, san-gui-ne:
Cu-ius la-tus per - fo-ra - tum, un - da flu-xit san - gui - ne:
Cu-ius la-tus per - fo-ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san-gui-ne:

Es - to no - bis prae - gu-sta-tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O
Es - to no - bis prae - gu-sta-tum in mor - tis, in mor - tis ex - a - mi-ne.
Es-to no - bis prae-gu-sta-tum in mor - tis ex-a - mi - ne.
Es - to no - bis prae - gu-sta-tum in mor - tis ex-a - mi - ne.

dul - cis, o pi - e, o Je - su Fi - li Ma -
 O dul - cis, o pi - e, o Je - su Fi - li Ma -
 O dul - cis, o pi - e, o Je - su Fi - li
 O dul - cis, o pi - e, o Je - su Fi - li Ma -

ri - ae, mi - se - re - re me -
 ri - ae, mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re,
 Ma - ri - ae, mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se -
 ri - ae, mi - se - re - re me - i,

i, mi - se - re - re me - i, me - i. O
 mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re me - i.
 re - re me - i, me - i, mi - se - re - re me - i.
 mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re me - i.

i. A - men.
 i. A - men.
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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.
 O sweet Jesus, O pious Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.