Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

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tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)
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Melody and bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

1. Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
2. Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,
3. Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
4. Offered was he for greatest and for least,

and drink the holy Blood for you out-poured.
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.
by his dear cross and blood the vic'try won.
himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.

5. Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
6. He that his saints in this world rules and shields
7. With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
8. Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow

and take the pledges of salvation here.
to all believers life eternal yields;
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

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