Come, Christ’s Beloved

From the Antiphonary of Bennchar, 7th cent.
Translation by James Quinn, SJ

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INTRO/FINAL ENDING With the freedom of chant (♩ = ca. 60)

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

*REFRAIN

Come, Christ’s beloved, feed on Christ’s true flesh;

drink your redemption in his precious blood.

*Refrain melody based on the chant “O Sacrum Convivium”, the Magnificat antiphon for Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ evening prayer.
VERSES

1. Here is salvation, here the risen Lord, here God’s great
2. Son of the Father, Lord of all the world, Christ is our
3. Christ, our salvation, Christ, the light of all, has yet en-
4. Bring to this banquet faith-ful hearts sincere; receive the
5. Christ gives the hungry heav’n-ly bread to eat; he gives the

ADDITIONAL VERSES

6. Christ in this mys-tery gives his flesh and blood,
7. Christ, priest and victim, gave himself for all,
8. Priests of the old law, of f’ring blood out-pour’d,
9. Christ, ever-watch-ful shepherd of his sheep,
10. Alpha, the first-born, Omega the end,

6. guiding us safely through death’s gates to life.
7. at once the giver and his gift divine.
8. did but fore-shadow Christ, the victim priest.
9. gives true believers life that knows no end.
10. you came as Saviour, you will come as Judge.
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Assembly Edition

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Refrain

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drink your re - demp - tion in his pre - cious blood.

Verses

1. Here is sal - va - tion, here the ris - en Lord,
2. Son of the Fa - ther, Lord of all the world,
3. Christ, our sal - va - tion, Christ, the light of all,
4. Bring to this ban - quet faith - ful hearts, sin - cere;
5. Christ gives the hun - gry heav’n - ly bread to eat;

1. here God’s great ban - quet; Let us thank our God.
2. Christ is our Sav - or through his cross and blood.
3. has yet en - riched us by this gift sub - lime.
4. re - ceive the safe - guard of et - ter - nal life.
5. he gives the thirst - y liv - ing springs of grace.

Additional Verses

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guiding us safely through death’s gates to life.
7. Christ, priest and victim, gave himself for all,
at once the giver and his gift divine.
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did but foreshadow Christ, the victim-priest.
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