Sacramentum Caritatis

*Refrain: Reverently (= ca. 70) All

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et vitalis. Calix novit est tamem ti:

do num Christi Domin

*Translation of Refrain:
The sacrament of love: living and life-giving bread.
Cchalice of the new covenant: gift of Christ the Lord.
Verse: Cantor

1. You fed your people on their journey to the land of promise:
   Manna in the desert,
2. You led your flock to pastures rich by streams of living water:
   Spread a feast before them,
3. With bread and wine Melchizedek blessed Abram:
   Ham, your servant, Father to the nations,
4. The night before he suffered death, Christ gathered his disciples:
   Knelt before them humbly,
5. This sacrament of love recalls the saving death of Jesus:
   Fills us with his presence,

1. Water in the waste-land, And now you feed your people on the flesh and blood of Jesus:
2. Lavish with your bounty: And now you bid your people feast with Jesus, Host and Shepherd:
3. Faithful to your promise; With bread and wine you bless us now and fill us with your Spirit:
4. Washed their feet as servant: What Christ has done for us now grant us grace to do for others:
5. Mani-fests his future: We pray: when days are done give us a place at heaven’s banquet:

*Lower notes optional, or harmony if two Cantors sing.

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