Panis Angelicus
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Spanish adaptation by Clare Balfour, RSCJ, Mary Straub, Ana Victoria Demezas, and Estela García-López

Translation:
The Bread of Angels becomes bread for humankind.
A miraculous thing!
The servant of God eats of the Lord.

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O res mirabilis, O res mirabilis. Servus

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Dei manducat Dominum, manducat Dominum.

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Bb F/C Am/C Dm Bb C/Bb F/A Gm7 Cm7 F

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ENGLISH VERSES

1. At this our sacred feast let holy joy abound,
   To you, O saving God, we come to you in prayer;
2. Now ancient rites are gone; for us all things are new.
   Holy God, we pray that when our days are done,
3. O holy God, we come to you in prayer;
   Our days are done, and from each grateful heart our songs of praise resound.
4. In everlasting light we see you with your Son.
   In everlasting grace, O God, in all we do.

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1-4. drink this chalice of my Blood, new covenant poured out for you.

SPANISH VERSES

Cantor

1. Que en este banquete sagrado abunde la santa alegría,
   broten cantos de alabanza.
2. A ti, Dios de Salva-ción, damos alabanza, gloria y honor.
   Con tu admirable Don nos alentas, Señor.
3. Ritos antiguos han pasado: todo lo hiciste nuevo.
   Con tu gracia y amor divino das luz a nuestro camino.
4. Oh Dios Trino, tus hijos Ramos: que al final de nuestros días
   tu rostro contemples, con tu Hijo, en el país de vida.

D.S.

a tempo (q = ca. 72)

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Cantor

1. y de cada corazón agraciado broten cantos de alabanza.
2. Con tu admirable Don nos alentas, Señor.
3. Con tu gracia y amor divino das luz a nuestro camino.
4. tu rostro contemples, con tu Hijo, en el país de vida.

Panis Angelicus
Cantor/Choir

1-4. Cris-to di-jo: To-men, co-man; es-to es mi cuer-po. To-men

1-4. de es-te cá-liz, es mi san-gre de-rra-ma-da por us-te-des.
Composer Notes

Panis Angelicus is a Communion piece for assembly, cantor(s), and/or unison/SATB choir. The refrain and verses are adapted from “Sacris Solemnis,” a Corpus Christi hymn by Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274).

This print edition includes English and Spanish verses, plus C and B-flat instrument parts and part for cello. Check ocp.org for availability of additional languages. A manuscript score for string quartet is available online at ocp.org, edition 30139500.

The refrain is sung by everyone, and the chanted verses are sung in speech rhythm by the cantor(s) or unison choir. The bridge to the refrain is sung by either cantor(s) or unison/SATB choir. Sing the refrain in harmony with the descant after the people are secure singing their part.

Sing Panis Angelicus at any Mass during the Communion procession. It has special significance when sung on Holy Thursday and the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). It is also fitting for ordinations, solemn professions, rites of initiation, other times of commitment, or funeral Masses.

Panis Angelicus was written in 2016 for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia and the installation of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Fourth Bishop of Arlington; commissioned by Dr. Richard P. Gibala of St. Thomas More Cathedral, Director of Music Ministries, whose inspiration and kindness has sustained liturgical musicians for many years.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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1. and from each grateful heart our songs of praise re-sound.
2. enrich us by this gift, the Bread of Life we share.
3. Inspire us with your grace, O God, in all we do.
4. Christ commands us, "Take and eat my Body given up for you."
5. drink this chalice of my Blood, new covenant poured out for you."

SPANISH VERSES

1. Que en este banquete sa-grado abunde la santa ale-gría.
3. Ritos antiguos han pa-sado; todo lo hiciste nuevo.
4. Oh Dios Trino, tus hijos o-ramos: que al final de nuestros días

a tempo (♩ = ca. 72)
Panis Angelicus

SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

Christopher Walker

INTRO Peacefully ($= ca. 72$)

REFRAIN

VERSES 1-4

Cantor

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Panis Angelicus

SOLO INSTRUMENT in B♭

Christopher Walker

INTRO Peacefully ($= ca. 72$)

REFRAIN

VERSES 1-4

Cantor

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CELLO

Christopher Walker

INTRO  Peacefully (\( \dot{q} \text{ = ca. } 72 \))

REFRAIN

Ver 1-4

Cantor

\( \text{D.S.} \)
Assembly Edition

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English Verses

1. At this our sacred feast
let holy joy abound,
and from each grateful heart
our songs of praise resound.

Christ commands us,
"Take and eat my Body given up for you.
Take and drink this chalice of my Blood,
new covenant poured out for you."

2. To you, O saving God,
we come to you in prayer;
enrich us by this gift,
the Bread of Life we share.

Christ commands us,
"Take and eat my Body given up for you.
Take and drink this chalice of my Blood,
new covenant poured out for you."

3. Now ancient rites are gone;
for us all things are new.
Inspire us with your grace,
O God, in all we do.

Christ commands us,
"Take and eat my Body given up for you.
Take and drink this chalice of my Blood,
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4. O holy God, we pray
that when our days are done,
In everlasting light
we see you with your Son.

Christ commands us,
"Take and eat my Body given up for you.
Take and drink this chalice of my Blood,
new covenant poured out for you."

Spanish Verses

1. Que en este banquete sagrado
abunde la santa alegría,
y de cada corazón agradecido
broten cantos de alabanza.

Cristo dijo: Tomen, coman;
esto es mi cuerpo.
Tomen de este cáliz,
es mi sangre derramada por ustedes.

2. A ti, Dios de Salvación,
damos alabanza, gloria y honor.
Con tu Admirable Don
nos alimentas, Señor.

Cristo dijo: Tomen, coman;
esto es mi cuerpo.
Tomen de este cáliz,
es mi sangre derramada por ustedes.

3. Ritos antiguos han pasado;
con tu gracia y amor divino
das luz a nuestro camino.

Cristo dijo: Tomen, coman;
esto es mi cuerpo.
Tomen de este cáliz,
es mi sangre derramada por ustedes.

4. Oh Dios Trino, tus hijos oramos:
que al final de nuestros días
tu rostro contemplemos,
con tu Hijo, en el país de la vida.

Cristo dijo: Tomen, coman;
esto es mi cuerpo.
Tomen de este cáliz,
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