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to Luke Mayernik

This Body of Christ

Assembly, SATB Choir, and Keyboard

Based on St. Augustine, 354–430, Letter 272

Laurence Rosania

INTRO *Warmly, with movement* (♩ = ca. 66)

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Keyboard

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This Bod - y of Christ is what_ we re-ceive_ and what_ we_ are_ and

what_ we be-lieve. A - men. A - men. men.

VERSES

1. We in this dai - ly bread — are nour-ished once a - gain, — with grate-ful, joy-ous
 2. In chal-ice and in bread: — true Bod - y and true Blood; — this mys-t'ry we re -
 3. Be - yond — what we touch — and taste — and — see, — we know — one —
 4. Now un - der - stand the gift — poured out — in this place; — now take — and —
 5. How bless - ed are we — to share this heav'n-ly food, — as mem - bers —

1. hearts we — an - swer: A - - men. —
 2. ceive at the ta - ble of the Lord. —
 3. Source, one — bound-less u - ni - ty. — A - men. — A - men. This
 4. eat this — gift of pur - est grace. —
 5. in one — bod - y of the Lord. —

D.S.


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Assembly Edition

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2. In chal-ice and in bread: true Bod - y and true Blood; this
3. Be - yond what we touch and taste and see, we
4. Now un - der-stand the gift poured out in this place; now
5. How bless - ed are we to share this heav'n - ly food, as



1. grate - ful, joy - ous hearts we an - swer: A - men.
2. mys - t'ry we re - ceive at the ta - ble of the Lord.
3. know one Source, one bound-less u - ni - ty.
4. take and eat this gift of pur - est grace.
5. mem - bers in one bod - y of the Lord.

to Refrain

1-5. A - men. A - men.

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“You, however, are the Body of Christ and His members. If, therefore, you are the Body of Christ and His members, your mystery is presented at the table of the Lord, you receive your mystery. To that which you are, you answer: ‘Amen’; and by answering, you subscribe to it. For you hear: ‘The Body of Christ!’ and you answer: ‘Amen!’ Be a member of Christ’s Body, so that your ‘Amen’ may be the truth.”

St. Augustine - Letter 272