Bread of Angels

English text based on Panis Angelicus;
adapted by Curtis Stephan
Latin text by Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274

INTRO (\( \text{\textit{= ca. 82}} \))

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\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\text{C} & \text{C/B} & \text{Am7} & \text{C/G} & \text{Dm7} & \text{F/G} & \text{Cadd9} \\
\end{array}
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\section*{VERSES 1, 3}

\textbf{Soprano/Alto}

1. Bread of angels, we receive you with us now abide.
3. Word incarnate, dwell with us now abide;

\textbf{Tenor/Bass}

1. Precious Jesus, manna of angels, with us now reside.
3. Tender Jesus, Love so gentle, never let us part.

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*Alternative lower harmony part in cue.

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1. Pa - nis an - gé - li - cus fit pa - nis
3. Te, tri - na Dé - i - tas ú - na - que,

Cadd9/E

1. hô - mi - num, Da pa - nis cæ - li - cus fi -
3. pó - sci - mus, Sic nos tu ví - si - ta, si -

Dm7

1. gú - ris tér - mi - num.
3. cut te có - li - mus.

Dm F/G G Cadd9
VERSE 2

2. Cup of Mercy over flowing, fill us with your grace;

O Son begotten, we flee to your embrace.

2. grace; wine of passion, O Son begotten, we

O res mi -

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Cadd9/E
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2. rá bi lis
manducat Dominum,

F A A7/C7 Dm7

2. Pau per, servus, et humili-

Gadd9/B C F/G# Dm F/G G

2. lis.

Cadd9 Dm F/G G Cadd9

D.S. al Coda
Though unworthy,

We receive you,

Let your glory shine!

4. Though unworthy, we receive you,

4. Sacrament divined, Bread of angels, accept our praises,

4. Except our praises, let your glory shine!
4. Per tu as semitas duc nos quo

4. ten di mus, lumin Ad lumen

4. quam in habitas.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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C C/B A C/G Dm7 F/G Cadd9
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(Kbd)

VERSES 1, 3

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C C/B Am7 C/G F G C
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1. Bread of angels, with us now abide.
3. Word incarnate, dwell with us; pierce our hardened hearts.

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C C/B E7/G# Am7 F G C
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1. Precious Jesus, gentle, never let us part.
3. Ten-der Je-sus, Love so

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Cadd9/E F A7/C# Dm7 Gadd9/B Csus4 C Dm F/G G Cadd9
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1. *Panis angelicus* for *Panis hominum*, Dat pa-nis
3. *Te, trina Dei tuta* na-que, pó-sce-mus, Sic nos tu

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Cadd9/E Cadd9 Cadd9
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1. *cæli-cus* fi-gú-ris te nus
3. ví-si-ta, si-cut te có-li

VERSE 2

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C C/B Am7 C/G F G C
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2. Cup of Mer-cy over-flowing, fill us with your grace;

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C/B E E7/G# Am7 F G C
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2. wine of pas-sion, O Son be-go-ten, we flee to your em-brace.
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2. O res mirabilis manducat Domini-num, Pau-per,

2. Pau-per servus et humil-

Θ CODA

VERSE 4

4. Though unworthy, we receive you,

4. sacrament divine Bread of angels, accept our praises,

4. let your glory shine tu-as semitas

4. duc nos quem tonden dicem, Ad lucem

4. quam inhabitas.
Composer Notes

This popular selection is a mixture of a contemporary song and a traditional Latin setting of *Panis Angelicus*, reminiscent of the 1872 setting by César Franck (1822–1890).

Composed originally for the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*), this hymn is frequently used at weddings, as a Communion processional, or as a special piece for meditation. It can be sung as a solo, duet for soprano and tenor, or by an SATB choir.

—Curtis Stephan

Poetic English Translation

1. *Panis angélicus*, fit *panis hóminum,*
   *Dat panis cáleticus figúris términum.*
   *O resmirábilis mandúcat Dóminum,*
   *Pauper, servus, et húmilis.*

2. *Te, trina Déitas únique, póscomus*
   *Sic nos tu vísta, sicutte cólimus;*
   *Per tuas sémitas duc nos quo téndimus,*
   *Ad lucem quam inhábitas.*

1. Holy and living bread, wondrous food from heaven sent,
   God's sacrifice foretold now in our hands we hold.
   Sign and reality, challenge for us to be
   Humble servants to all the poor.

2. God, holy Three-In-One, through this off’ring of your Son
   All now on earth can see what we are called to be:
   Hope for a world in need, signs that love can succeed
   Where true justice and peace endure.

—Owen Alstott

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1. Bread of angels, we receive you; with us
2. Cup of mercy, ever flowing, fill us
3. Word in carta, dwell with us; pierce our
4. Though unworthy, we receive you, sacra -
      now abide. Precious Je - sus, man - na of
      with your grace; wine of pas - sion, O Son be -
      hard - ened hearts. Ten de Je - sus, Love so
      ment di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our

1. a - ges, will us now re - side.
2. got - ten, we flee to your em - brace.
3. gen - tle, never let us part.
4. prais - es, let your glo - ry shine!

1. Pa - nis an - gé - tus lit pa - nis ho - mi - num,
2. O res mi - ra - bi - le, man - dů - cat Dó - mi - num,
3. Te, tri - na Dé - i - tas ma - que, pó - sci - mus,
4. Per tu - as sé - mi - tas duc quo tén - di - mus,

1, 3


2, Final

2. Pau - per, Pau - per, ser - vus, et hu - mi - lis.
4. lu - cem, Ad lu - cem, quin in - há - bi - tas.

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