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INTRO (*= ca. 82)

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VERSE 1, 3

**Soprano/Alto**

1. Bread of angels, we receive you; with us now abide.
2. Word incarnate, dwell within us; pierce our hardened hearts.

**Tenor/Bass**

1. Precious Jesus, manna of ages, with us now reside.
2. Tender Jesus, love so gentle, never let us part.

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*Alternative lower harmony part in cue.*

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VERSE 2

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

wine of passion, O Son begotten, we flee to your embrace.

O resurrection, give us your peace.
4. Though unworthy, we receive you,

4. Sacrament divine. Bread of angels, accept our praises, let your glory shine!

4. Though unworthy, we receive you,
4. Per tu as semitas duc nos quo

4. Per tu as semitas

Dadd9/F♯

G

B

B7/D♯

Per tu as

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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4. Verse 2

1. Panis angelicus fit panis hominum, Dat panis căeli cus fugáris térmil num.
2. Cup of Mercy over-flowing, fill us with your grace.
3. Cælicus fugáris térmil num.

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2. O res mirabilis manducat Dominum, Pau - per,
E/G# Am7 Dm F/G G Cadd9 Dm7 Gadd9/B C
2. Pau - per, servus, et humilis.

Ω CODA

VERSE 4

4. Though un - worthy, we re - ceive you,
G A D G/A A D D/C# Bm7 D/A

4. sacrament di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our prais - es,
G A D Dadd9/F G

4. let your glo - ry shine! Per tu - as sé - mi - tas
B B7/D# Em7 Aadd9/C# D F#/A# Bm7

4. duc nos quo - ten - di - mus, lu - cem, Ad lu - cem
Em G/A A Dadd9 Em7 G/A A D

4. quam in - há - bi - tas.
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 angelicus, fit panis hóminum,**
   *Dat panis cáelicus figúris términum.*
   **O resmirábilis mandúcat Dóminum,**
   *Pauper, servus, et húmilis.*

2. **Te, trina Déitas únque, póscimus**
   *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
BREAD OF ANGELS

1. Bread of angels, we receive you; with us a-ges, with us now re-side.
   Precious Je-sus, man-na of Panis an-gé-li-cus fit pa-nis há-mi-num,

2. Cup of Mer-cy o-ver-flow-ing, fill us got-ten, we flee to your em-brace.
   Wine of pas-sion, O Son be-te-ries, let your glo-ry shine.
   O res mi-rá-bi-lis man-bá-cat Dó-mi-num,

3. Word in-car-nate, dwell with-in us; pierce our hard-ened hearts.
   Ten-der Je-sus, Love so Te, tri-na De-i-tas ú-na-que, pó-sci-mus,

4. Though un-wor-thy, we re-ceive you, sac-ra-
   Bread of an-gels, ac-cept our Per tu-as só-mi-tas duc nos quo té-n-di-mus,

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