

Tantum Ergo Sacrament Hymn

Introduction

"Tantum ergo" is a hymn from the last two verses of *Pange lingua*, composed by St. Thomas Aquinas around A.D. 1264. It is sung during the adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, reflecting deep devotion in Catholic tradition.

Lyrics (Latin)

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui.
Præstet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.

Genitori genitoque
laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio!
Procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio!
Amen.

Literal English Translation

Therefore, so great a Sacrament
Let us venerate with heads bowed,
And let the old practice
Give way to the new rite;
Let faith provide a supplement
For the failure of the senses.

To the Begetter and the Begotten,
Be praise and jubilation,
Hail, honour, virtue also,
And blessing too:
To the One proceeding from Both
Let there be equal praise.
Amen.

Traditional English Hymnal Translation

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the Sacred Host we hail,
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty.
Amen.
