

Antiphon to the Benedictus at Lauds
for the feast of Corpus Christi

Ego sum panis vivus

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The musical score consists of four staves, each representing a vocal part: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). The music is written in common time with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts are separated by vertical bar lines, and the lyrics are placed below each staff. The score is divided into four systems of music, each containing eight measures. The lyrics are as follows:

System 1: E - go sum pa - nis vi - vus, e - go sum
System 2: E - go sum pa - nis vi - vus, pa - nis
System 3: E - go sum pa - nis vi - vus, qui de
 vi - vus, vi - vus, qui de cae - lo, de cae - lo de - scen - di,
 pa - nis vi - vus, qui de cae -
 pa - nis vi - vus, qui de cae - lo de - scen -
System 4: cae - lo de - scen - di, qui de cae - lo
 de - scen - di, qui de cae - lo de - scen - di,
 -lo de - scen - di, qui de cae - lo de - scen - di, de
 -di, qui de cae - lo de - scen - di, de - scen -
System 5: de - scen - di: si quis man-du-ca - ve -
 de - scen - di: si quis man-du-ca - ve - rit,
 cae - lo de - scen - di: man-du-ca - ve - rit, si
 -di: si quis man-du-ca - ve - rit, si

-rit, si quis man-du-ca - ve-rit ex hoc pa_____ne, vi - vet
 si quis man-du-ca - ve-rit ex hoc pa_____ne, vi - vet
 8 quis man-du - ca - ve-rit, ex hoc pa_____ne, vi - vet in
 quis man-du-ca - ve-rit ex hoc pa_____ne,

in ae-ter - num, vi - vet in ae-ter - num. Al - le - lu - ia, Al -
 in ae-ter - num, vi - vet in ae-ter - num. Al - le - lu - ia, Al -
 8 ae-ter - num, vi - vet in ae-ter - num. Al - le - lu -
 vi - vet in ae-ter - num. Al - le - lu -

-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
 -le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
 8 -ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
 -lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 8 -ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
 -lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

I am the living bread, which ascended into heaven:
if anyone eats of this bread, he will have eternal life. Alleluia.