

Tantum ergo

Exeter Benediction

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I Tantum ergo sacramentum
 Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
 Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
 Sensuum defectui.

2. Genitori Genitoque
 Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
 Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
 Compar sit laudatio.
 Amen.

Thomas Aquinas

I Therefore we, before him bending,
 This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
 For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
 Makes the inward vision clear.

2. Glory let us give, and blessing
 To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
 While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
 Who from both, with both is one.
 Amen.

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