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V. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

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THE BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT.

When the blessed sacrament is taken out of the tabernacle, and set up to be seen by the people, the choir sings, O salutaris hostia, &c., i. e., O saving victim! which openest the gates of heaven; lo! the wars of our enemies press upon us: do thou give us strength and aid. To the great Lord, who is three in one, be everlasting glory. O! may he grant us life without end, in our heavenly country.

After this, is usually sung some psalm, or pious metre, according to the order of superiors, or discretion of the officiant, or exigence of the times. Then follows the hymn of the blessed sacrament, Pange, lingua, or at least the latter part of it, Tantum ergo.

The Hymn, Pange, Lingua.

SING, O my tongue! adore and praise,
The depth of God's mysterious ways;
How Christ, the world's great king bestowed
His flesh concealed in human food,
And left mankind the blood that paid
The ransom for the souls he made.