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The St. Gregory Hymnal and Choir Book was the staple of Catholic choirs in the mid-20th century, filling a need for hymns in English and Latin and all the music commonly needed for the liturgical year in a parish church.

It contained a few works that became univer- sal favorites and we are including them in this and future volumes of this series.

Singing in Latin improves the sound of your choir when singing English since it is common to use Italian pronunciation. Pure Italian vowels are the bread and butter of voice teachers. To ease the transition into singing in Latin for your choir we have included 3 settings each of the Adoramus Te and the Ave Verum. These are of varying difficulties and will ground your choir in the singing of Latin. The familiarity of singing the words to different melodies will help.

And the Latin of these is closely related to English. Here is the first line of Ave Verum:

Ave • hail
verum • truth or veracity
Corpus • body
de • from
Maria • Mary
Virgine • Virgin

Note that many of these works may be sung in two parts or unison in addition to SATB. Missing parts may be played on the organ, so there is not reason to change the music when short tenors or basses, rather just play their part on an organ stop that balances or have an instrumentalist sit in. Many of the 8 part works of the Renaissance were sung this way, singers on as many parts as possible, instrumentalists filling in as needed.

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Sorted by Voice

Ave Verum Unison Behold Like A Monarch Unison Behold Like A Monarch Unison Godhead Here In Hiding Unison Unison Lo The Angel's Food O Blessed Trinity Unison The Eternal Gifts Of Christ The King Unison

Bread Of The World S or SA or SATB

Cross Of Jesus S or SATB This Joyful Eastertide S or SATB

Bring Flowers SA O Glorioso Virginum SA SA On This Day

SA/SATB Ave Maria, Thou Virgin And Mother Soul Of My Savior SA/TB Hail Mary SAB Jesu! Rex Admirabilis SAB SAB Non Nobis Domine SAB O Sacrament Most Holy **SATB** Adoramus Te Christe Adoramus Te Christe **SATB** Adoramus Te Gasparini **SATB** Alas And Did My Savior Bleed **SATB SATB** Ave Verum Christ Be Our Sure Foundation **SATB SATB** Drop, Drop, Slow Tears Hide Not Thou Thy Face SATB Miserere Mei **SATB** O Bone Jesu **SATB** O Sacrum Convivium **SATB** O Sacrum Remondi **SATB SATB** Panis Angelicus

Thou Knowest Lord Ave Verum SATB with SOLO See Amid the Winter's Snow SATB with SOLO

SATB

SATB

Sing My Soul

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ADORAMUS TE, CHRISTE

Antiphon for Good Friday Trans: William Mahrt François Clément Théodore Dubois

1837 -1924

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee: because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world





ADORAMUS TE, CHRISTE







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ADORAMUS TE, CHRISTE

Antiphon for Good Friday Liturgy

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

1525-1594

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O Lord, who suffered for us, have mercy on us.





ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED?

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

The Christian Lyre, New York, 1833 Arr. Noel Jones







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AVE MARIA! THOU VIRGIN AND MOTHER



AVE VERUM



This chant may be sung with the first line as an antiphon by the congregation, the verses by a schola.

The accompaniment is optional.

AVE VERUM

Edward Elgar 1857-1934





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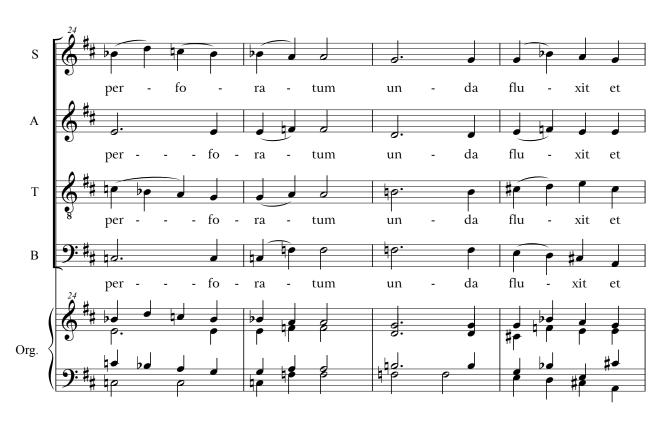


AVE VERUM CORPUS NATUM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man, 1756-1791 Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, Be for us a foretaste In the test of death. Adagio Soprano sotto voce ve, a ve ve rum sotto voce rum ve, a ve Tenor sotto voce Α ve, ve ve rum Bass sotto voce ve, ve ve rum Organ pus, tum de Ma-ri-a vir gi ne, cor na na tum de Ma-ri-a vir ne, cor pus, gi T de Ma-ri-a vir gi cor pus, na tum ne, В de Ma-ricor pus, tum vir gi ne, na Org.











BEHOLD, HOW LIKE A MONARCH



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BREAD OF THE WORLD

St. 1 Reginald Heber, St. 2-4 Vincent Uher

RENDEZ A DIEU Louis Bourgeois 1543



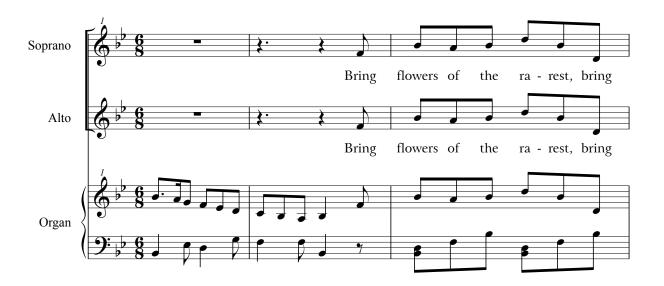
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BRING FLOWERS OF THE FAIREST

Mary Walsh

May Crowning Hymn

Mary Walsh





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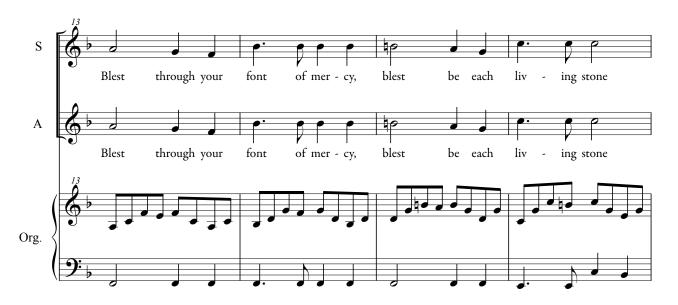


CHRIST BE OUR SURE FOUNDATION

Vincent Uher Noel Jones



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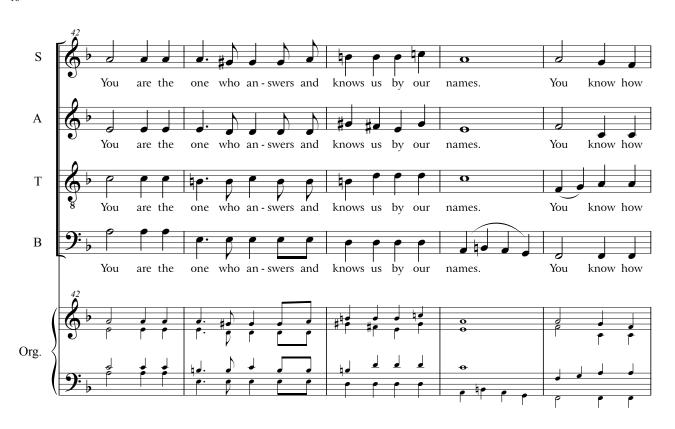
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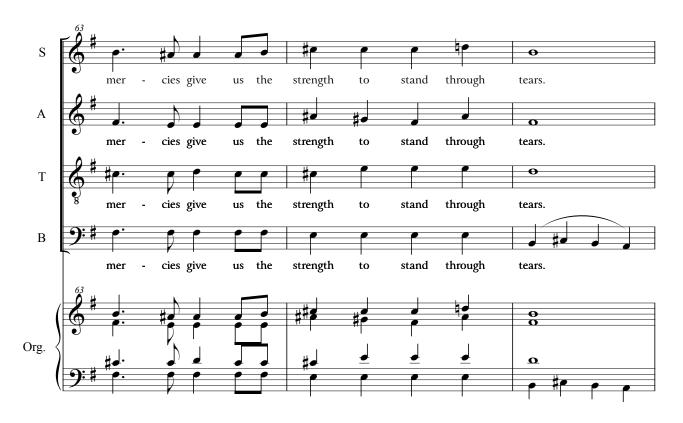






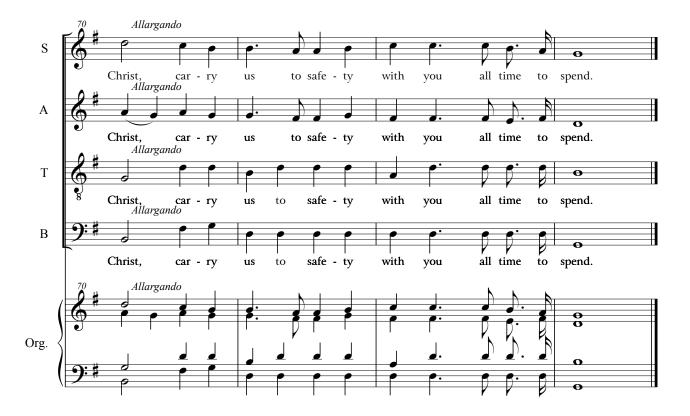


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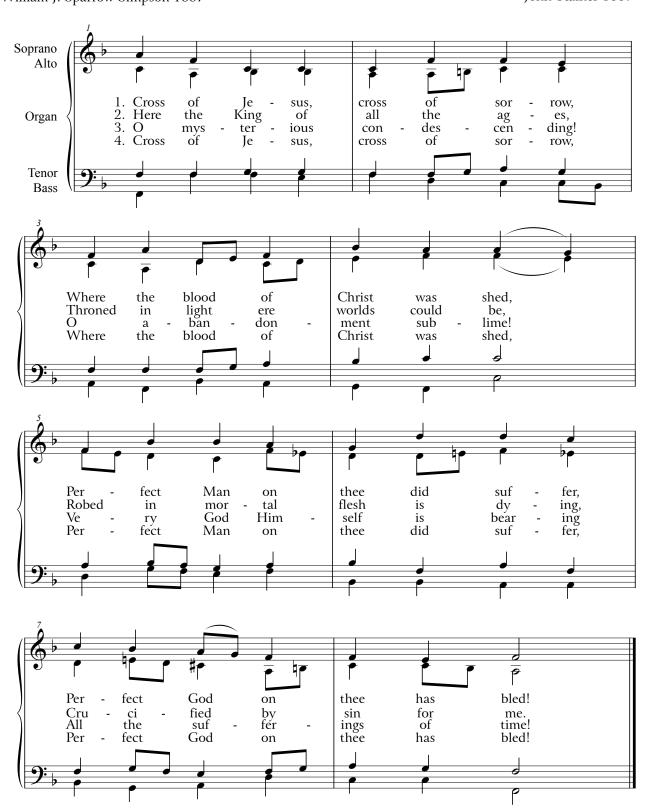
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CROSS OF JESUS The Crucifixion

William J. Sparrow-Simpson 1887

John Stainer 1887



DROP, DROP, SLOW TEARS



GODHEAD HERE IN HIDING

St. Thomas Aquinas 1225-1274 Trans. Fr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. 1844-1889, alt. ADORO TE DEVOTE Gregorian Chant Arr. Noel Iones

Adoro te devote, latens Deitas, Quæ sub his figuris vere latitas; Tibi se cor meum totum subjicit, Quia te contemplans totum deficit.

Visus, tactus, gustus in te fallitur, Sed auditu solo tuto creditur. Credo quidquid dixit Dei Filius; Nil hoc verbo veritátis verius.

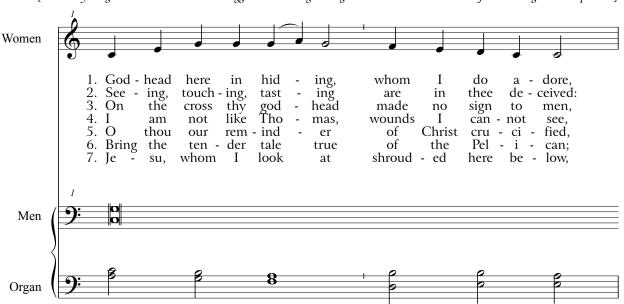
In cruce latebat sola Deitas, At hic latet simul et Humanitas, Ambo tamen credens atque confitens, Peto quod petivit latro pœnitens.

Plagas, sicut Thomas, non intueor: Deum tamen meum te confiteor. Fac me tibi semper magis credere, In te spem habere, te diligere. O memoriale mortis Domini! Panis vivus, vitam præstans homini! Præsta meæ menti de te vívere, Et te illi semper dulce sapere.

Pie Pelicane, Jesu Domine, Me immundum munda tuo sanguine: Cujus una stilla salvum facere Totum mundum quit ab omni scelere.

Jesu, quem velatum nunc aspicio, Oro, fiat illud quod tam sitio: Ut te revelata cernens facie, Visu sim beátus tuæ gloriæ.

[Men may sing "AH" as a drone with staggered breathing throughout with no breaks start to finish or organ accompanies.]

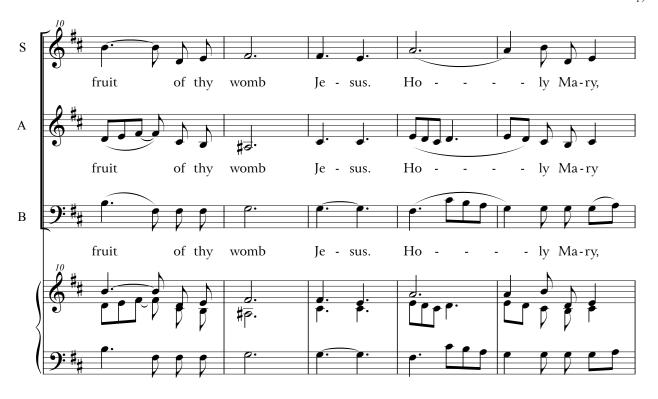




HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE

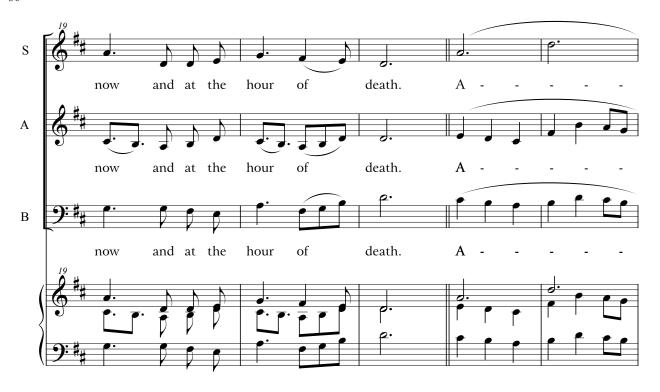


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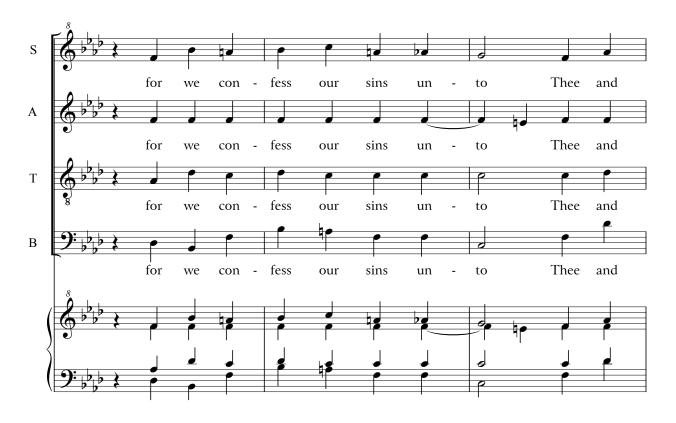
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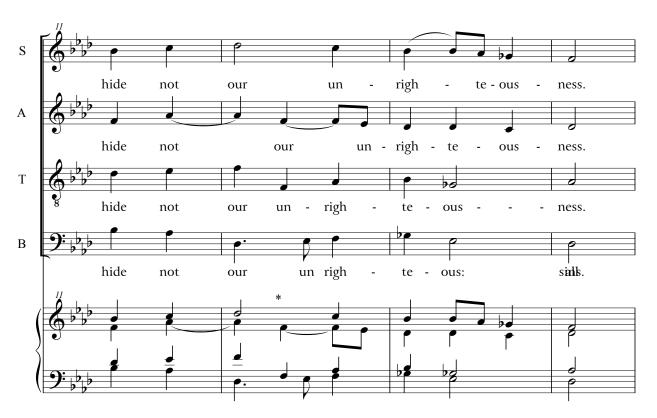


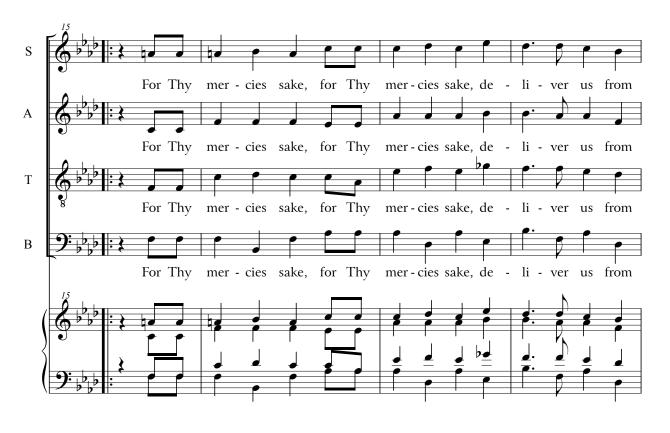


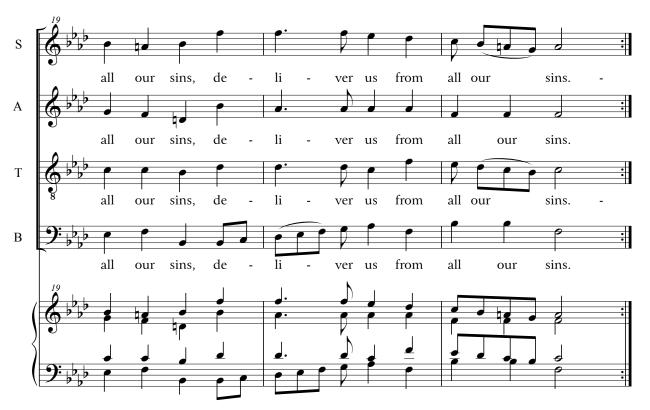
HIDE NOT THOU THY FACE FROM US, O LORD











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JESU! REX ADMIRABILS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-1153

Jesu, Prince ever-glorious! Thou Lord of Hosts victorious! Of radiance more than marvelous' Master, be ruler over us!

Giovanni da Palestrina 1514-1594

Dwell, Lord, with us, and grant we may Behold Thy light upon our way; Scatter night's gloom, and so array Earth, as heaven, in noon bright day.



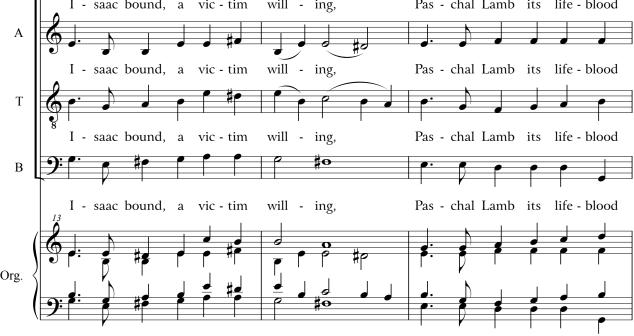




LO! THE ANGEL'S FOOD IS GIVEN







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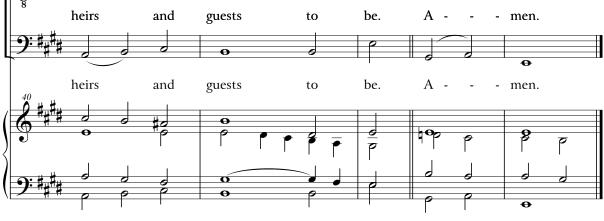




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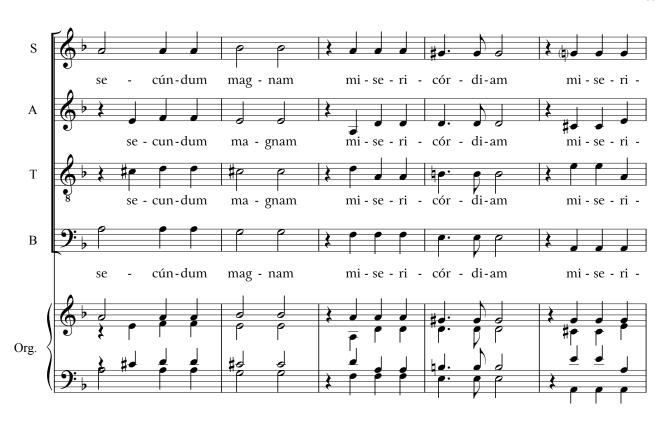


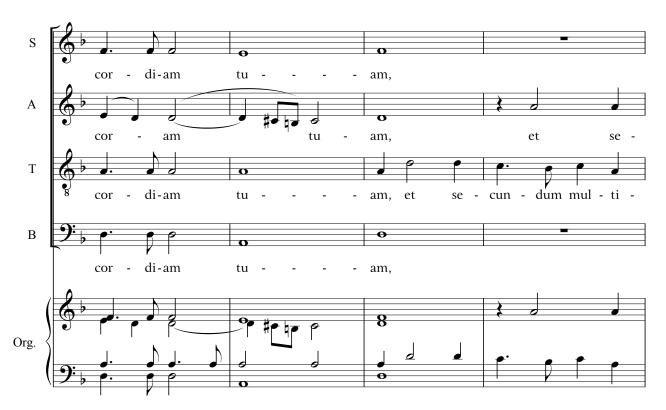


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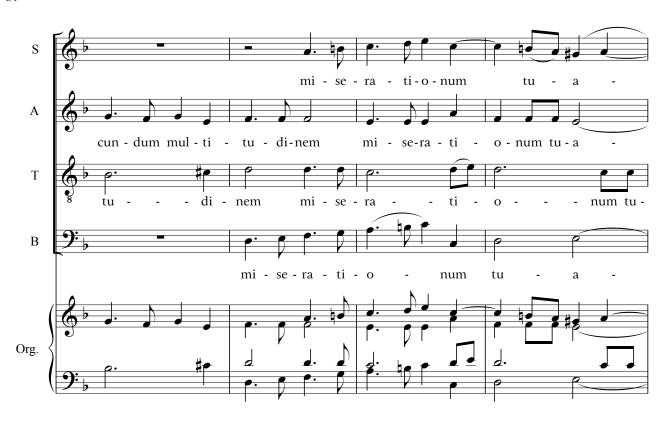
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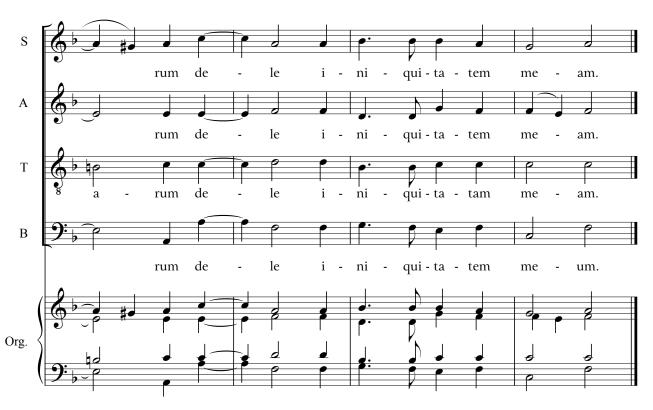






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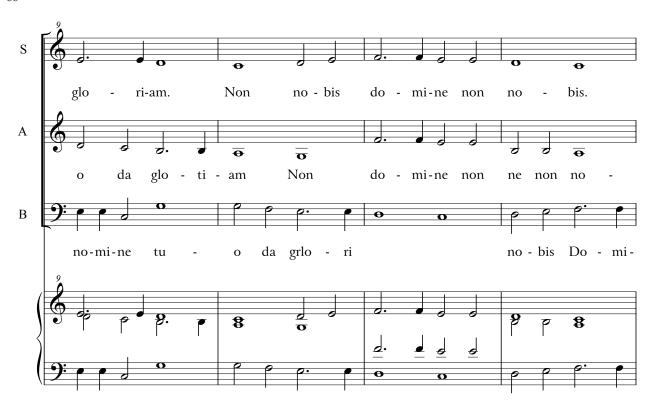


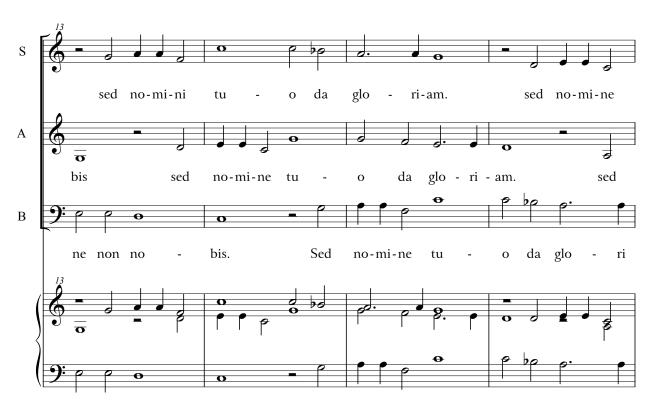
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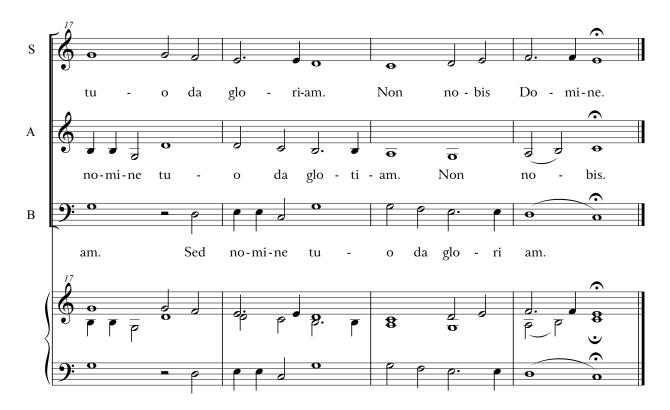
Psalm 133:9

Melody: Philip van Wilder 1520-1554 Not to us, not to us, o Lord, But to your name give glory. Once thought to be by William Byrd





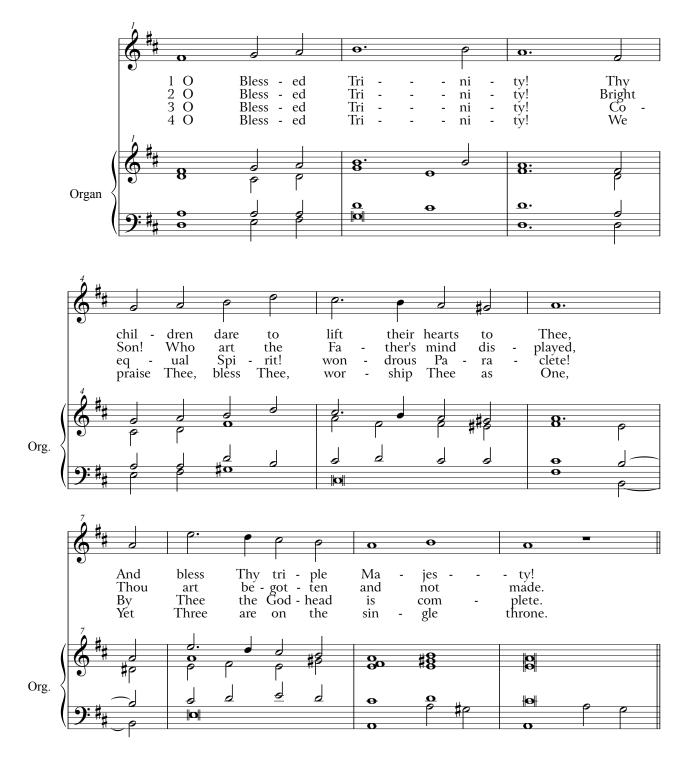


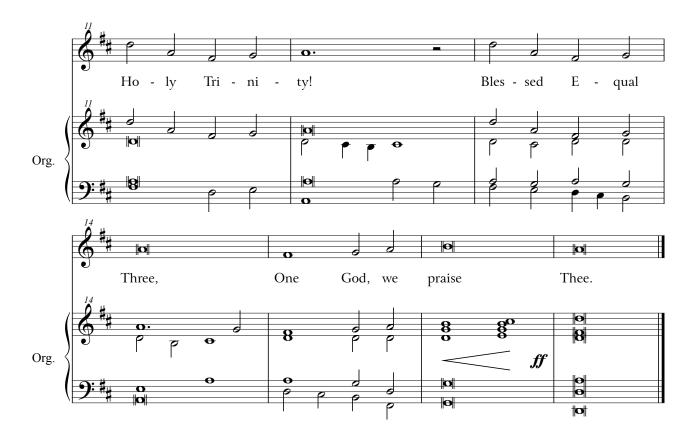


O BLESSED TRINITY!

Fr. Frederick William Faber 1814-1863

Edward D'Evry 1869-1950





O BONE, JESU

Trans: William Mahrt O good Jesus, have mercy upon us, for thou hast created us, thou hast redeemed us by thy most precious blood.

Marco Antonio Ingegneri 1547-1592





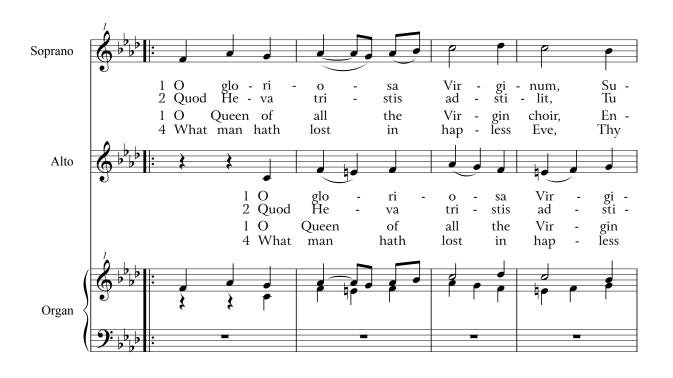


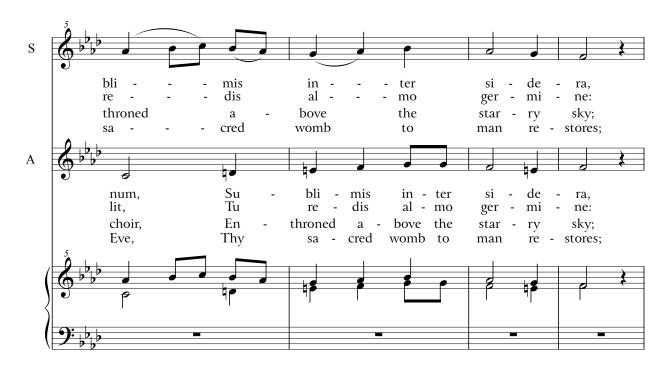
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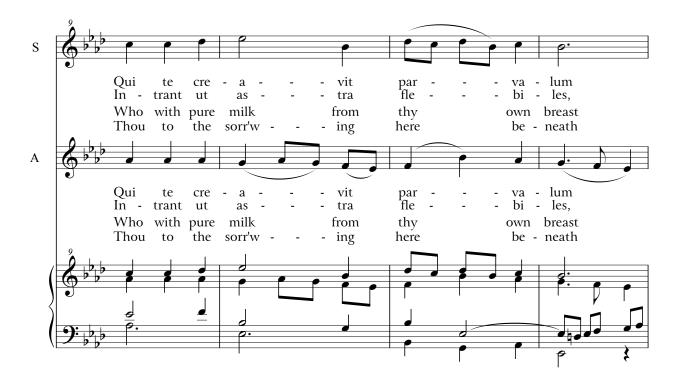
O GLORIOSA VIRGINUM

Venantius Fortunatus 530-609, Bishop of Poitiers

Fernand de la Tombelle 1854-1928











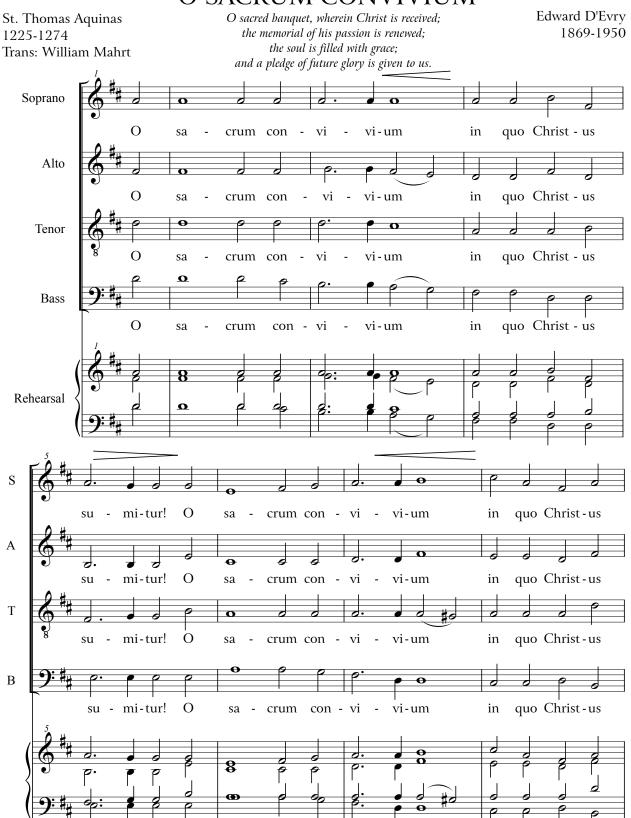
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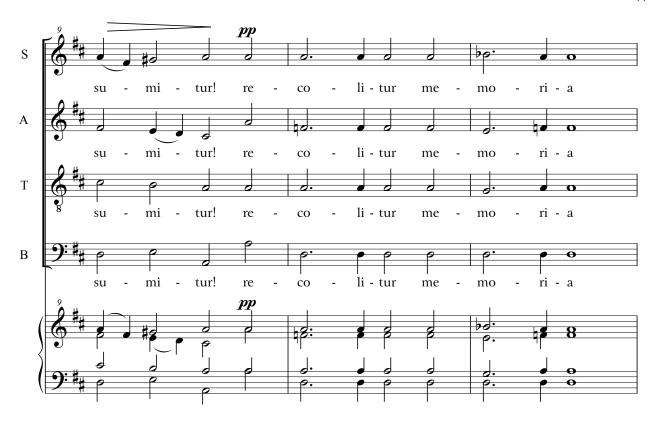


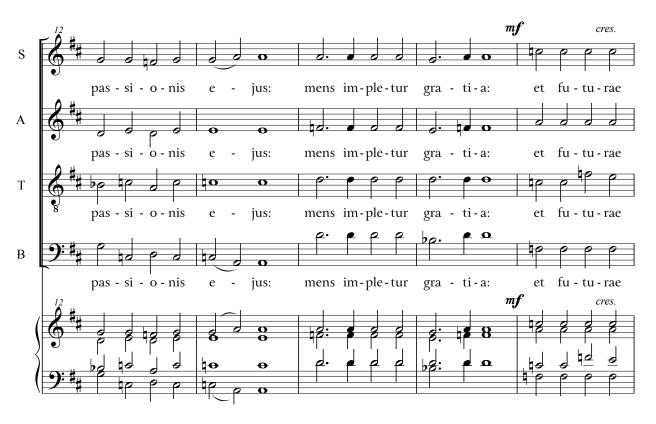
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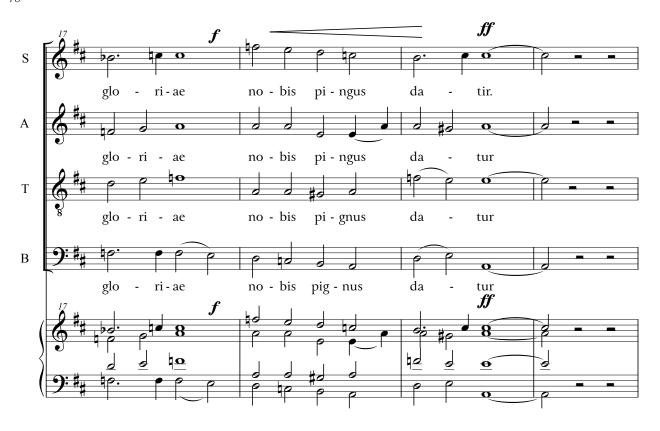
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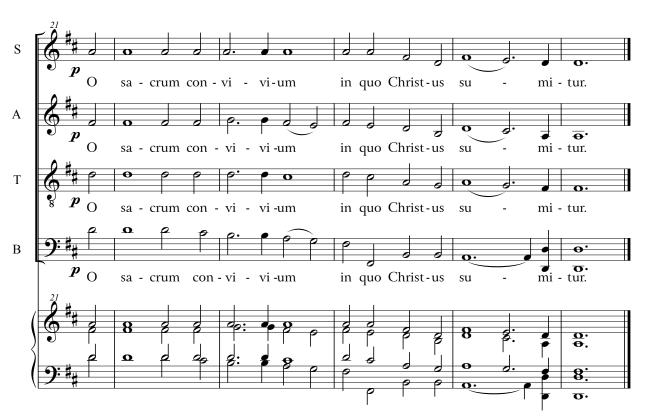
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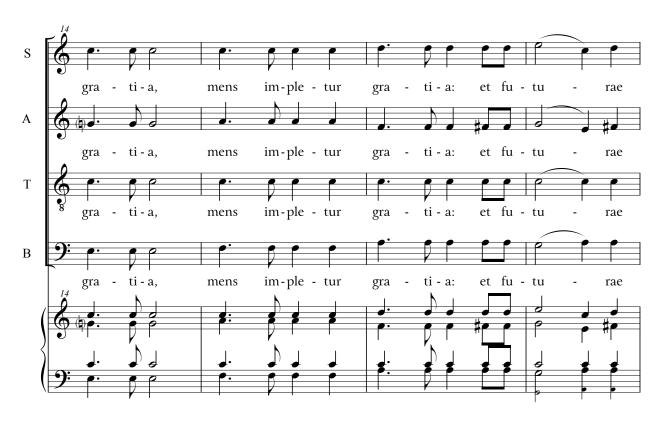


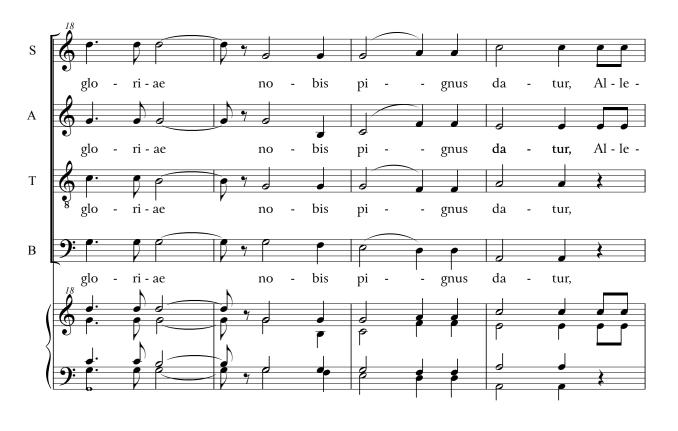


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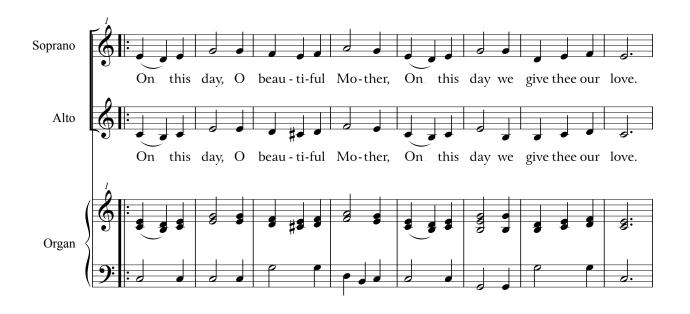


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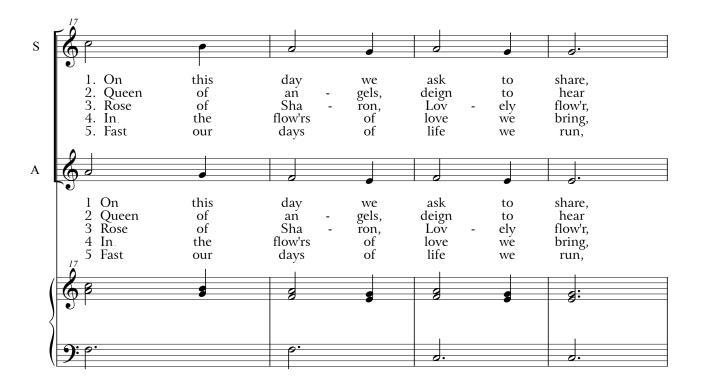
ON THIS DAY, O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER

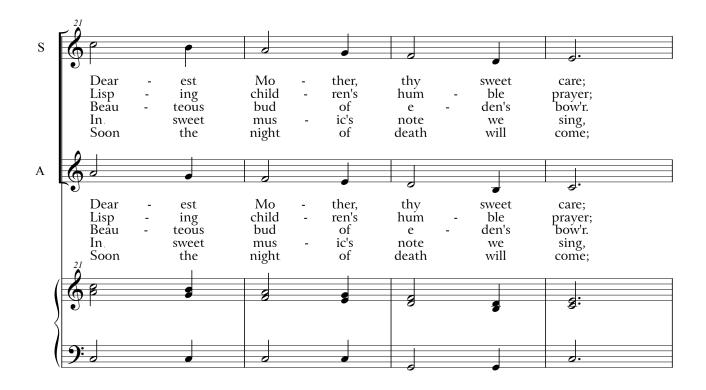
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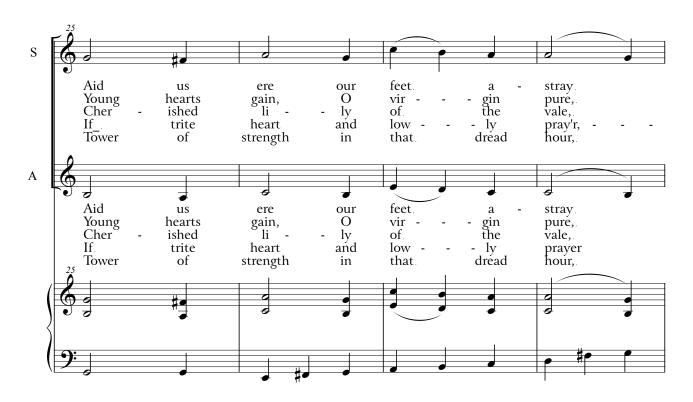
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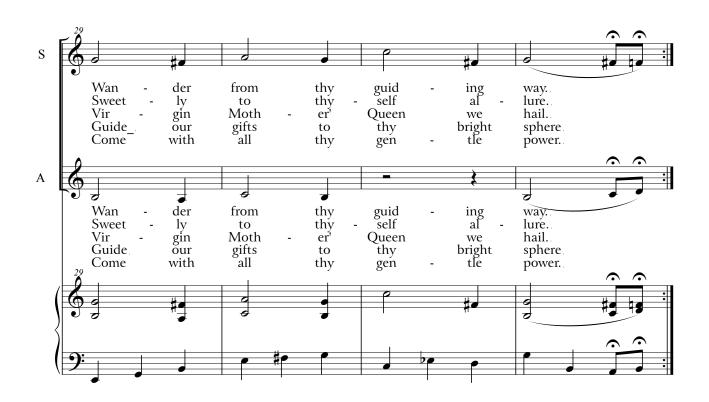












PANIS ANGELICUS

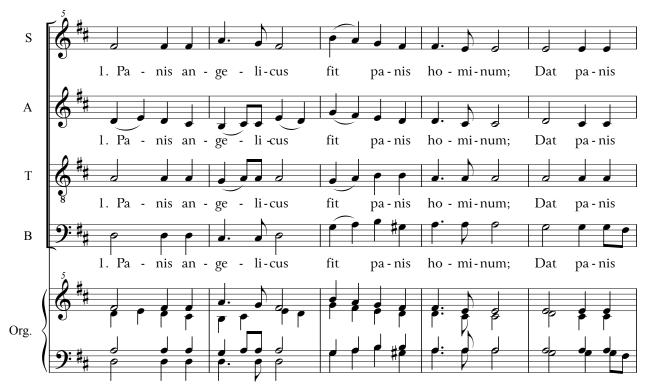
St. Thomas Aquinas 1225-1274

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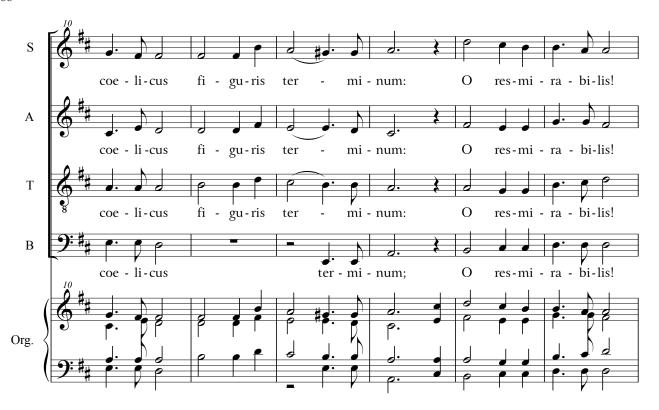
Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today: the Living Bread from heaven with figures dost away: O wondrous gift indeed! the poor and lowly may upon their Lord and Master feed.

Thee, therefore, we implore, O Godhead, One in Three, so may Thou visit us as we now worship Thee; and lead us on Thy way, That we at last may see the light wherein Thou dwellest aye.



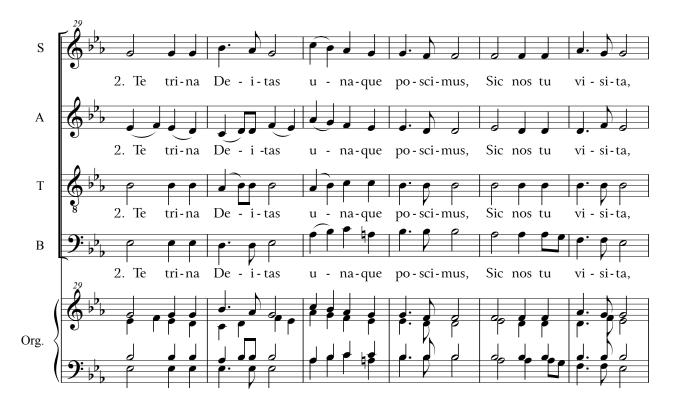


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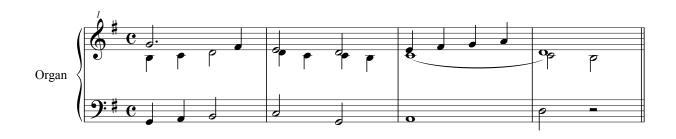






SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

Edward Caswall 1858 John Goss 1870 Arr. Noel Jones





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SING, MY SOUL, HIS WONDROUS LOVE



SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Anima Christi, Unknown

Fr. William Maher, S.J. – Lorenzo Dobici Arr. Noel Jones



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THE ETERNAL GIFTS OF CHRIST THE KING

Attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas Translated by John M. Neale 1854

Aeterna Christi Munera, Guidetti's Directorium Chori, 1582 Harmonization 1906 The English Hymnal





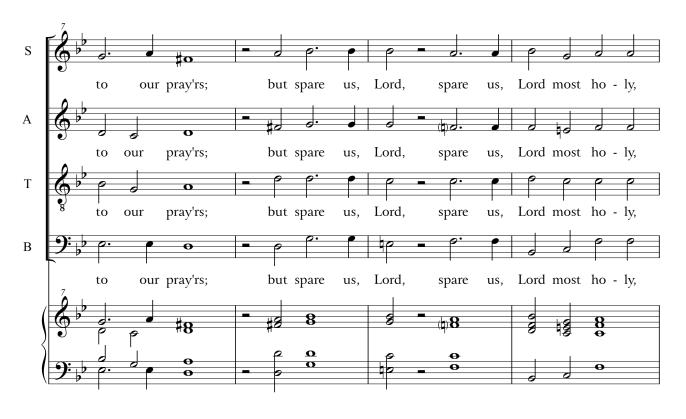
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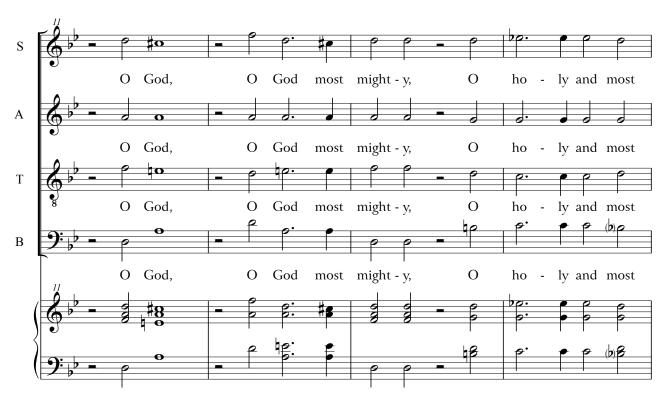




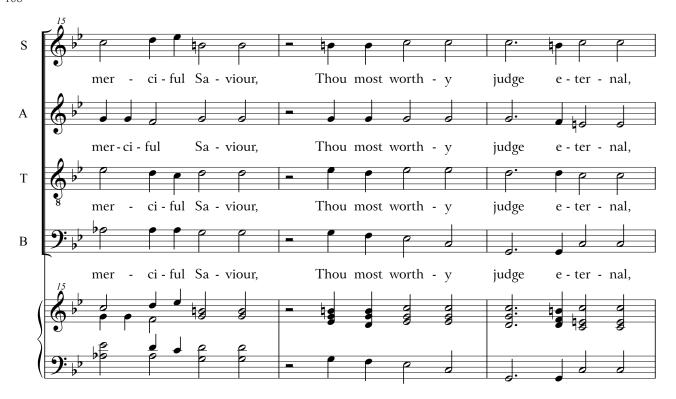
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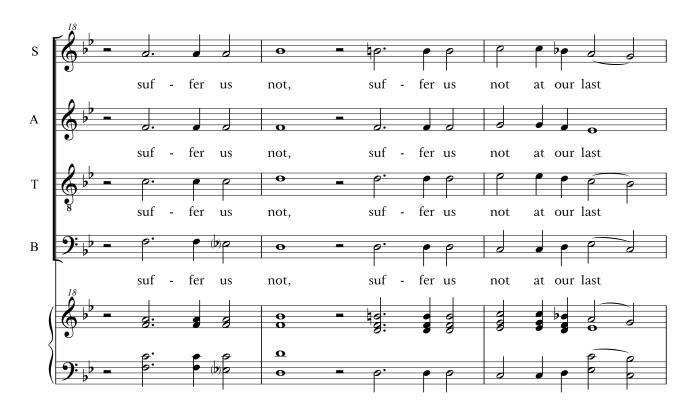


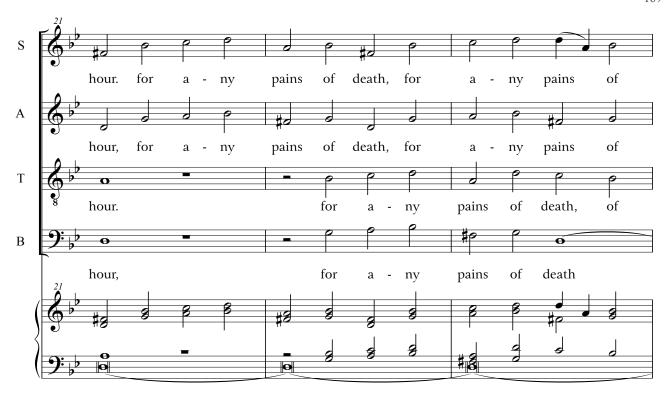


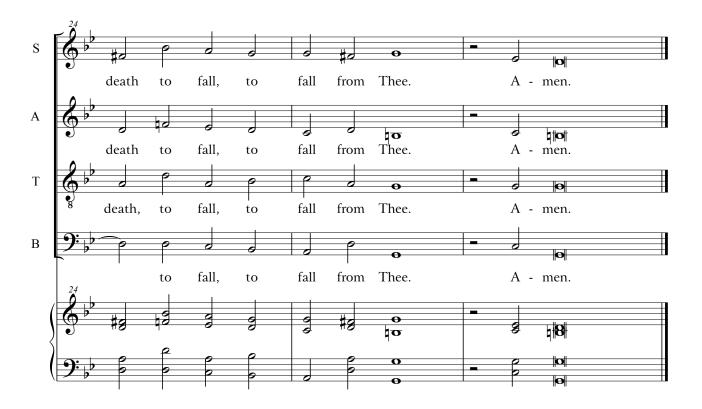


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