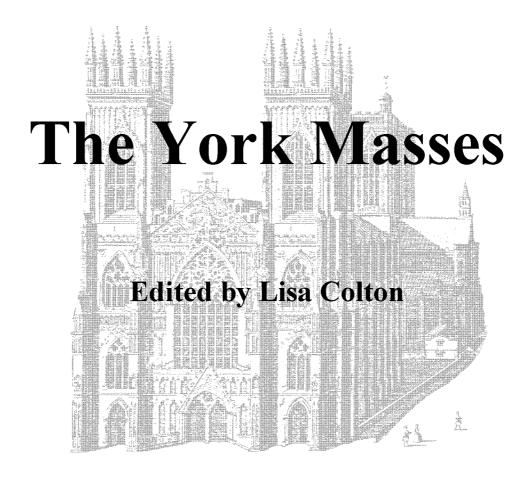
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The York Masses: An Introduction

Source

The manuscript that contains this repertory (York, Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, MS Mus 1) is a series of 22 paper leaves, most of which contain musical notation typical of the period c.1500. All the pieces within the collection are unique to it, and many of them are fragmentary. Since its description in *Music and Letters* in 1954, the collection has been known as the York Masses, on account of its current provenance and because all the pieces within it are settings of the Ordinary of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei). At least half of the original contents are now missing; the leaves were used as paste downs in the binding of Consistory Court documents in the 1560s, and were trimmed for that purpose. As a result, the edges of the leaves have been damaged, sometimes losing details of clefs, part identification, mensuration markings, 'key' signatures or musical lines. Further damage has resulted in the loss of larger sections of the leaves. Until now, no published edition of the collection as a whole has been available.²

The York Masses were first identified by Canon J. S. Purvis of York Minster, and his findings were recorded by Edmund Fellowes in the supplement to the *Tudor Church Music* series.³ Following examination by Hugh Baillie and Philippe Oboussier for the article in *Music and Letters*, the pages were rearranged and stitched into the order in which they can presently be found. The earliest attempts at the transcription of these leaves were captured in the reminiscence of Philippe Oboussier:

I suppose it was in the winter of 1952 that Hugh Baillie and I spent a freezing week or more in York – in an even colder part of the cathedral – trying to work out transcriptions of these folios. We had a room opposite the West End and having fed all our pennies into the gas meter, sought warmer sojourn in a hostelry along the road... [The Old Starre Inn]. Hugh was at Corpus Christi College and I at King's and Bob (Thurston) Dart was our mentor.⁴

The manuscript is clearly written, in brown ink on pre-ruled brown staves, and all the leaves are made of paper whose watermarks date them to the late fifteenth century.⁵ The dimensions of the written space vary a little through the collection, and account for some of the apparent difference in handwriting. With the exception of the opening

¹ Hugh Baillie and Philippe Oboussier, 'The York Masses.' Music and Letters 35/1 (January, 1954),

² A critical edition will shortly be published as part of the series Early English Church Music, with particular emphasis on preserving the layout and notational style of the original manuscript; ed. Theodor Dumitrescu, Fifteenth-Century Liturgical Music, VII: The York Masses, Early English Church Music 51 (London, forthcoming for 2008). An edition of the Kyrie I was published in my chapter 'Choral Music in York, 1400-1540', in Paul Barnwell, Claire Cross and Ann Rycraft eds., Mass and Parish in Medieval England: The Use of York (Reading, 2005), 41-56. Unpublished editions include John D. Dover, 'A Transcription and Historical Study of the York Masses' (M.Mus. dissertation, King's College, London, 1974) and Robert Lee's edition of Kyrie I, Mass I, the Benedictus to Mass IV and Cuke's Agnus Dei setting (unpublished).

³ Edmund H. Fellowes, Tudor Church Music: Appendix with Supplementary Notes (London, 1948), 12, where they are referred to as the 'York Diocesan Registrar's MS'.

⁴ Personal correspondence (6 March 1998).

⁵ A description of the watermarks can be found in Dover, 'A Transcription and Historical Study'.

piece, where all three notated parts are preserved on a single side, and Mass VI, a uniform *cantus collateralis* layout may be observed. Most of the movements are copied within a ruled frame, containing ten staves approximately 18mm in height. The exception is Mass V, which is copied onto pages with thirteen, 15mm-high staves. Upper and lower voices on each page are usually separated by a blank stave. Folio 11v has ruled staves but no music. Most movements take up two page openings, and parts are carefully written out so that page-turns do not interrupt a section of polyphony. For the *alternatim* settings, only the polyphonic sections are notated, as was the standard practice.

There is clear evidence that the book was in use by musicians, rather than being a 'presentation' or library copy, not least the modest appearance of the source in comparison with highly illuminated contemporary examples. Corrections have been made to the scribe's original work, either by him or by later singers, in a number of places. These comprise crossings out, new paper glued over the original stave, and annotations to direct singers in the accuracy of their performance. Most of the notation is black void, with black full coloration used in several movements; there is no use of red ink. In a number of cases, Arabic numerals added at the time of copying, or by the singers, clarify the rhythmic relationships of notes within ligatures, rests, and in passages of coloration.

Provenance

When the York Masses were described by Hugh Baillie and Philippe Oboussier, the authors proposed various locations for the origin of the source and its contents. On the basis of the two composers named within the leaves, the most likely were considered to be Lincoln (where William Horwood, d. 1484, lived and worked) and London (where Horwood also worked and where a composer by the name of John Cook, d. 1507, was recorded as a Master of the Guild of St Nicholas). Regardless of the origin of the music's composition, however, the leaves themselves appear to have remained in York until their use as binding material in a book of Consistory Court acts in the 1560s. It is plausible that they were once part of a choirbook used in one of York's own churches. York's city walls enclosed a diverse range of establishments, from monastic houses to parish churches, and from tiny chantry chapels to York Minster itself. It is perhaps most likely that one of the wealthier of York's numerous parish churches was responsible for copying or purchase of the collection. The churches of All Saints' North Street, Holy Cross Fossegate, Holy Trinity King's Court, St Samson's, and St Michael's Spurriergate are all recorded as possessing personnel or music books; the Chapel of St William, Ouse Bridge, also records a parish clerk who was organist, singer and choirmaster. Of the three cantus firmus settings to use plainchant, two suggest an origin outside the York Diocese (Mass II and Mass V); Kyrie II sets the trope 'O rex clemens', which is found in both Sarum and York rites.⁸

⁶ Notably in the Benedictus of Mass V; see the critical commentary for details.

⁷ Magnus Williamson, 'Liturgical Polyphony in the Pre-Reformation English Church', *RMA Research Chronicle* 38 (2005), 1–43, where York records are listed on page 43. See also Andrew Wathey, 'Lost Books of Polyphony in England: A List to 1500', *RMA Research Chronicle* 21 (1988), 1–19.

⁸ The Kyrie trope 'O rex clemens' is required as part of the liturgy for several feasts, and is also part of the Use of York. It appears in the fifteenth-century York Gradual on f. 82r–v. See David Hiley ed., Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Lat. Liturg. b. 5 (Ottawa, 1995), f. 82.

Composers

The identities of 'Horwod' and 'Johannes Cuke' would be key to understanding the date and origin of the manuscript if they could be pinpointed with any certainty. The most convincing identification, for the second Kyrie in the collection, is with William Horwood, a composer whose career was spent in Lincoln and London. Horwood joined the Fraternity of St Nicholas (or London Guild of Parish Clerks) in 1458/9. After a short spell as organist at Lincoln, he moved to the capital until 1476 (he was readmitted to the Guild in 1462/3). During this time he became Dean (or Master) of the London Guild of Parish Clerks (1474/5), but left two years later to take up a modest post as vicar choral at Lincoln. From 29 March 1477, Horwood served as choirmaster and Lady Chapel organist at Lincoln, a post he held until his death. Four five-part Marian works by Horwood survive in the Eton Choirbook (Salve regina, Gaude flore virginali, Gaude virgo mater, Magnificat). 10 The Eton Choirbook was probably copied c.1490-1502, so Horwood's music was still in circulation in the decades after his death. In some respects, the style of Kyrie II 'O rex clemens' is different to that of the Eton pieces. The *cantus firmus* is found in the tenor line in even semibreves. The second Christe does not contain the cantus firmus in the Tenor, and the line may have been passed to the Bassus at this point. It is possible that the range of the lowest part was roughly equivalent to the Tenor, in the manner of early fifteenth-century scorings; Nicholas Sandon notes that the lowest voices of Horwood's Salve Regina 'share the same clef and range, and cross continually like a tenor-contratenor pair'. 11 The part-writing in the Kyrie is at times unsophisticated, with the upper line following the contours of the Tenor closely, sometimes at the octave. There is a playful, quasi-canonic feel to the two freely-composed parts in the first Christe section. In some ways the Kyrie is suggestive of a notated improvisation, and perhaps originated in this manner. If Horwod is identifiable with William Horwood, one can imagine him using this Kyrie to demonstrate ways in which parts might be improvised over a *cantus firmus* to his choristers.

There are many John Cooks who could provide a candidate for the one to whom Mass V is ascribed. The flourish with which the name is added at the foot of f. 20r contrasts with the bold Gothic script used for Horwod's surname on f. 1v, and may even provide evidence that Mass V is an autograph (if so, he may have copied the entire collection, which seems to be in a single hand). Hugh Baillie made a convincing connection between Johannes Cuke in the York Masses and a member of the Fraternity of St Nicholas of the same name, recorded in 1501. 12

Style

The majority of the music in the York Masses is in four parts. The final Gloria-Credo pair, Mass VI, is the only three-part music, resembling the texture of Taverner's and

⁹ Margaret Bent and Roger Bowers, 'The Saxilby Fragment', Early Music History 1 (1981), 1–27, especially page 21.

10 Frank Ll. Harrison ed., *The Eton Choirbook*, Musica Britannica vols. 10–12 (London, 1956–73).

¹¹ Nicholas Sandon, 'Horwood [Horwod, Horwode, Horwud], William', *Grove Music Online*, ed. Laura Macy (Oxford, 2007) <www.grovemusic.com> accessed October 2007.

Hugh Baillie, 'A London Gild of Musicians, 1460–1530', Proceedings of the Royal Musical Association 83 (1956-7), 22.

Ludford's smaller scale music in the early sixteenth century, notably Ludford's Lady Masses. The modest number of vocal parts in the York Masses may indicate a limited number of trained personnel in the institution that owned the manuscript. The Ritson Manuscript, comprising late fifteenth- and early sixteenth-century music, is broadly comparable in terms of the rhythmic demands that its repertoire makes on singers. Like the York Masses, the Ritson Manuscript preserves pieces written down in a functional rather than decorative manner; its compositions are sometimes attributed though others remain anonymous in the source. However, Ritson is richer in terms of the genres represented within the collection (Masses, carols, sacred and secular songs, other liturgical settings), contains music for between two and five parts, and was probably a more substantial volume.

The musical style of movements within the York Masses display something of the variety of compositional techniques cultivated in England in the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. The Masses are only a consistent collection in terms of their liturgical purpose and general scale. The movements of all the Masses are grouped as pairs or cycles, with the exception of the Kyries that open the collection (there is insufficient material within these to consider whether they were stylistically similar to the Mass cycles that follow them). Mass pairs were popular in England from the early fifteenth century, and the York Masses include movements related by *cantus firmus*, compositional technique (*alternatim*, square), and head-motif.

The Kyrie movements, as well as Masses I and II, require *alternatim* performance, with sections of plainchant used to complete the nine-fold structure of Kyrie (x 3), Christe (x 3), Kyrie (x 3), and to provide the verses of the Gloria and Credo not provided with polyphony. In the present edition, these have been supplied from the Sarum rite, since plainchant *cantus firmus* references in the York Masses mainly reflect this Use. Kyrie I involves the sort of canonic performance popular in England since at least the early fifteenth century (see examples in the Old Hall manuscript, and the Fountains Fragments). It may be considered old-fashioned, for example in comparison with items in the Eton Choirbook 'in which canon is entirely avoided'. This Kyrie was intended to open the collection: a binder's mark at the foot of the page ('A') indicates the first of a series of quires. The Kyrie is notated in three parts but gives clear instructions for the creation of the fourth – a canon based on each of the upper lines in succession–at the foot of the folio:

¹³ John D. Bergsagel ed., Nicholas Ludford Collected Works I: Seven Lady Masses (New York, 1963).

The Ritson Manuscript is London, British Library, Additional Manuscript 5665. See Eleanor Lane and Nick Sandon eds., *The Ritson Manuscript: Liturgical Compositions, Votive Antiphons, Te Deum* (Newton Abbot, 2001).
 The Ritson Manuscript's composers include John Trouluffe, Richard Smert, Edmund Sturges,

¹⁵ The Ritson Manuscript's composers include John Trouluffe, Richard Smert, Edmund Sturges, William Cornysh and Thomas Pack.

¹⁶ For other examples of canonic writing in late medieval England, see Margaret Bent, 'Pycard's Double Canon: Evidence of Revision', *Sundrie Sorts of Music Books: Essays on the British Library Collections, Presented to O. W. Neighbour on his 70th Birthday, ed. C. Banks, A. Searle and M. Turner (London, 1993), 10–26; Margaret Bent, 'A New Canonic Gloria and the Changing Profile of Dunstaple', <i>Plainsong and Medieval Music* 5/1 (1996), 45–67.

¹⁷ Fabrice Fitch, 'Towards a Taxonomy of the Eton Style', in M. Jennifer Bloxam and Gioia Filocamo, eds., 'Un gentile et subtile ingenio': Studies in Renaissance Music (Turnhout, forthcoming for 2008). I am grateful to Fabrice Fitch for allowing me to read his article in advance of its publication.

Here are four parts contained in three, and I shall demonstrate to you how you should find the fourth part; and the fourth part is the bass. First seek the bass part in the Triplex in the first part [Kyrie eleyson], and afterwards in the second Triplex part of the Christe, and then in the Tenor in the final part [the second Kyrie]. And thus you will find four parts and if you seek well you will always come six [beats] after.¹⁸

Mass I 'Or me veult' is a Gloria-Credo pair 'upon the square', a process by which pre-existent freely composed lines from polyphony were sometimes imported wholesale as the tenor lines to new pieces of music, a process that no doubt provided a helpful foundation for the quick improvisation or composition of new settings. ¹⁹ The square 'Or me veult' was used in a number of different pieces during the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. In his examination of music based on squares, Hugh Baillie listed this tune as 'K3'. 20 The K3 tune appears to derive from a song found in the Mellon Chansonnier, 'Or me veult bien esperence mentir', its English origin being supported by the pieces surrounding the chanson that are in a similar style and ascribed to John Bedyngham and Walter Frye.²¹ K3 has also been identified in an anonymous motet, Ave tota casta virgo (St Emmeram Codex), as a monophonic item in the 'Matthew Bible' (where it appears *Ormavoyt*), as a organ piece entitled Portugaler (Büxheimer Orgelbüch), in the Christe section of a Kyrie for three voices by John Taverner (London, British Library, Additional Manuscript 17802-5), in Nicholas Ludford's 'Tuesday' Lady Mass, in a Kyrie for organ, and in a keyboard piece (appears as *Orma vulte*). The York setting may be the earliest to employ it in a Mass Ordinary, since the style seems to predate Ludford's. Mass I alternates sections of polyphony, some using the square and some freely-composed, with plainchant.

Mass II is based on the rhythmicised version of the plainchant 'Custodi nos domine' notated on f.8v of the manuscript. Like Mass I, it is a Gloria-Credo *alternatim* setting; Mass II sets the same verses as Mass I as polyphony in the Credo, but different verse portions in its Gloria. The pairing of Mass movements (especially Gloria-Credo and Sanctus-Agnus) was popular in the early fifteenth century, and several examples may be found in the Old Hall manuscript and contemporaneous sources. Later examples include three pairs in the Ritson Manuscript. The melody 'Custodi nos domine' is taken directly from the liturgy, but the source of this rhythmicised version of the tune is unknown; the melody is used in a number of places in the Gloria and the Credo. Notably, it also appears in Mass IV, though not as strictly. The appearance of the *cantus firmus* is often masked by levels of decoration, and the line has been transposed from its presentation on f.8v.

Mass III is fragmentary, and little can be said of its overall style other than that it appears to have been a sonorous four-voice setting with some pleasing melodic writing in imitative passages. It is likely that a Gloria and Credo once preceded the Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei of Mass IV, and that this was therefore the first 'complete' cycle within the manuscript. Mass IV could be described as a parody

²⁰ Baillie, 'Squares', 179. Baillie's list has been expanded in more recent publications.

¹⁸ For the original Latin, see the commentary. No further binders' marks are found in the collection.

¹⁹ Hugh Baillie, 'Squares', Acta Musicologica 32 (1960), 178–93.

²¹ Margaret Bent, 'The Songs of Dufay: Some Questions on Form and Authenticity', *Early Music* 8/4 (1980), 459. The Mellon Chansonnier (New Haven, Yale University, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, MS 91) also includes a keyboard piece based on the tune, entitled *Portugaler*.

Mass, as elements of its head-motif and points of imitation are borrowed or adapted from Mass II. This includes the use of a decorated form of the 'Custodi nos domine' melody. The relationship between the two Masses is perhaps most prominent in the Agnus Dei, for example at bar 87 'miserere nobis', where the head-motif is clearly heard in imitation between two parts over the bass, which draws on the *cantus firmus* melody.

Mass V, arguably the most ambitious work in the collection, is reminiscent of the style of composers represented in the Eton Choirbook. It is composed with the same care for section lengths and variety of texture as is found in the music of Robert Fayrfax (1464–1521), Thomas Ashwell (c.1478–after 1513) and others.²² Mass VI, with its plainer style and occasional chordal, declamatory passages, is perhaps the latest work in the collection, reflecting the need for increased perspicuity in text setting at the eve of the Reformation. Other composers of Masses in three parts from this period include Thomas Pack (fl. 1488–99) and Nicholas Ludford (c. 1490–1557): and the scale and concise style of the York Mass VI is closer to the music ascribed to the latter of these composers, and has also been compared with that of John Taverner $(c.1490-1545)^{23}$

The music seems to have been copied by a single hand, but the variety of notational style in the manuscript suggest that several exemplars were used, perhaps differing in date of composition by over a decade. If the York Masses were copied on a single occasion, then the singers must have been well versed in both older and more current notational and compositional styles. The inclusion of the opening Kyrie, in a style that certainly predates the copying of the collection, may pay homage to a work that was particularly valued by the copyist or his patrons. The final work in the collection seems to be the most modern, and its unfinished appearance may indicate the end of an incomplete collection of music. Baillie and Oboussier suggested that it was added later than the main copying was undertaken, though this was purely conjectural.²⁴ In broad terms, the style of the music may span the period c.1480-c.1525, with the copying taking place in the early 1520s. It is difficult to conclude whether the 'newest' music in the York Masses reflected up-to-date compositional techniques, or was copied significantly later than its conception.

Completion

Completion of missing or damaged sections of music is restricted in this edition to passages within the generally 'complete' movements, and all editorial suggestions are listed in the commentary. Singers may wish to compose their own parts to some of the fragmentary movements. Horwod's Kyrie 'O rex clemens' carries the plainsong as a cantus firmus in the outer Kyrie sections; it may be that the Christe sections also contained a part that drew on the appropriate plainchant, though not in the Tenor line. The Benedictus of Mass V, though in a more florid style, lacks its Triplex and Tenor parts, but the remaining two lines may provide a clear enough framework within

²² Section lengths in the repertoire of the late fifteenth and early-sixteenth centuries are compared in detail in Roger Bray, 'Sacred Music to Latin Texts', in Roger Bray ed., The Blackwell History of Music in Britain: The Sixteenth Century (Oxford, 1995), 46-93, within which the York Masses are described on pages 56–7.
²³ Baillie and Oboussier, 'The York Masses', 29.

²⁴ Baillie and Oboussier, 'The York Masses', 29.

which to experiment with the composition of new lines. More difficult would be the completion of the Credo to Mass VI, since the length of the missing section is unknown, and in any case even the sixteenth-century scribe seems to have abandoned its copying.

Suggestions for Performance

The original performing ensemble for the York Masses was most likely to have been a small choir of men and boys, perhaps with only one singer per part. Wealthy churches and chapels were able to support a larger ensemble, reducing the texture to a single voice per part in certain verses, but parish churches would have had to make do with fewer singers on most occasions. The music offers many technical challenges, and a modern-day choir may prefer the security of two or more singers per line. Performance pitch was not standard between different locations in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries; singers should be encouraged to find a pitch that suits their ensemble's vocal capabilities comfortably. The range of the Triplex in the four-part movements of the York Masses would also suit a female soprano voice; the higher of the two inner parts varies between some that are equivalent in range to a modern alto, and others that are in the tenor range. The music should be performed without instrumental accompaniment.

In selecting movements for performance, it is possible to combine the less fragmentary movements in such a way as to assemble a more-or-less complete 'cycle'. It should be noted that within the context of the liturgy, only the Kyrie and the Gloria would have been performed in succession, without intervening readings or plainsong. Spacing out the remaining movements of the Ordinary with plainchant items or other polyphonic pieces might be a good way to suggest a sense of musical coherence, considering that each Mass was intended for a different day of the liturgical year. An effective series of movements to show a variety of styles would be Kyrie I, a Gloria-Credo pair (either Mass I or Mass II), the Benedictus from Mass IV and the Agnus Dei from Mass V. The Gloria of Mass VI and the Agnus Dei of Mass IV are also effective settings.

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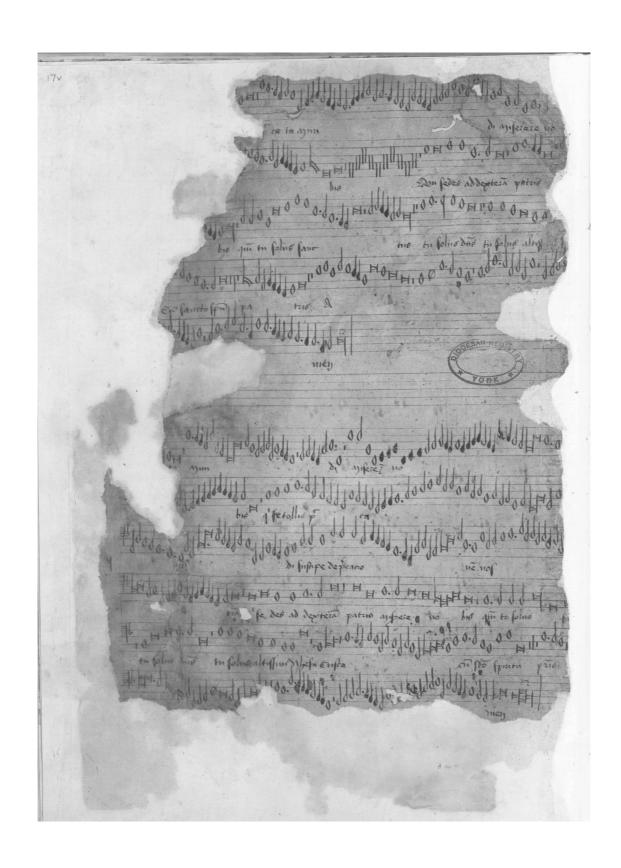
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Editorial method

Three previous editions, all unpublished, have proved invaluable in the preparation of the current edition. Hugh Baillie and Philippe Oboussier edited Kyrie I, Mass I and Mass II in 1952, and their score is available from the BBC archives. Robert Lee edited Kyrie I, Mass II, the Benedictus from Mass IV and the Agnus Dei from Mass V while studying at the University of York; a copy of his score was kindly lent to me by John Bryan. John D. Dover transcribed the entire manuscript as part of his M.Mus. dissertation at King's College, London. My own edition differs from all of these transcriptions in numerous details but has drawn on their excellent suggestions in several respects, notably in the solution of some *musica ficta* and the placement of fragmentary sections into the main choral texture. Unless otherwise noted, all editorial decisions and completions are my own.

Note values have all been halved from the original. The original pitch has been retained. Plainchant sections given in this edition, to complete the liturgical texts, are taken from the Use of Salisbury. Accidentals above the stave are editorial and should not be considered definitive. Accidentals (both original and editorial) apply throughout the bar in accordance with modern. Ambiguities and errors in the music or text are amended tacitly in the edition, but are listed in the commentary. Barring is editorial and is intended only as a guide: performers should avoid stresses based on the placement of bar-lines alone. In an attempt to preserve at least something of the original shapes of individual lines, dashed bar-lines are used rather than anachronistic tied notes where possible.

Text setting takes as close account as possible of the placement of syllables in the manuscript, with the exception of final syllables, which have all been placed on the last note of the phrase. Exceptions are made when points of imitation or rests suggest a plausible alternative to the placement of new syllables. Change of syllable within a ligature has been avoided. Ligatures are marked with square brackets above the notes in the score; coloration (and reverse coloration) is marked with broken square brackets in the score. In several movements, the scribe notated individual syllables more than once during a melisma (e.g. A-a-a-amen); I have only placed them once.

Where parts are labelled in the manuscript, this is shown in the prefatory stave; modern 'equivalent' part names are editorial and provided between the prefatory stave and the first system. Vocal part names found within the manuscript are Triplex, secundus Triplex (Kyrie I only), Medius, Tenor and Bassus, but most movements contain no such labelling. Original clefs, 'key' signatures and the first pitched note of each vocal line are marked on a prefatory stave in the edition; mensuration marks are indicated above the stave in the edition. missing sections of manuscript are either completed editorially, or indicated by a blank portion of stave; both scenarios are discussed in the commentary. Where a part has rests in the edition, the manuscript gives clear indication that the part should be tacet at that moment.

²⁵ Nicholas Sandon, ed., *The Use of Salisbury. The Ordinary of the Mass* (Newton Abbot, 1984).

Critical commentary

Following general observations about the movement, each vocal line is described in turn, with parts numbered from the uppermost (Triplex) down to the bass (Bassus) in Roman numerals. Comments below are made by reference to bars (e.g. 22–25) or, where appropriate, symbols (notes or rests) within a bar (i.e. 22/2 would be the second note/rest in bar 22). Spelling has been regularised in accordance with modern usage.

Four Kyrie settings

Kyrie I (f. 1r)

General comments: This movement is sometimes known as the 'Puzzle Kyrie' on account of its canonic bass part. The solution to the 'puzzle' is indicated in a Latin rubric at the foot of the page, which refers to the second part as the second Triplex (later movements refer to this line as 'Medius'):

Hic sunt quattuor partes contentis in tribus et ego demonstrabo vobis quomodo debetis inventis quartam partem et quarta pars est Bassus primo querite in triplice in prima parte et postea in secundam triplice in parte de Christe et tunc in tenor in ultram parte et sic quartas in venietis partes si bene queratis venietis sex postea semper.²⁶

I: [Triplex, from rubric] 13/4–5: MS gives D B

26/3: MS gives D

II: [Triplex II, from rubric]

24/2: '2' written underneath the note

III: Tenor

IV: [Bassus, from rubric] Derived from the three upper parts in succession.

Kyrie II ['O rex clemens'] (f. 1v)

General comments: Both spellings 'Kyry eleyson' and 'Kyrie eleyson' are found interchangeably. The name 'Horwod' appears in the centre of the page. Tenor carries Kyrie trope 'O rex clemens' as *cantus firmus* in outer Kyrie sections.

I: 16–22: 10 longa rests indicate part is tacet for this section

II: Missing

III: 24/2: Numeral '2' notated beneath note for rhythmic clarification

IV: Missing

²⁶ For a translation, see page vi.

Kyrie III (f. 2r)

General comments: This is very fragmentary, with only the left hand side of folio 2r remaining. Stylistically, this may have been a more rhythmically varied piece in comparison to Kyrie II. The transcription of this movement is made with extreme caution; rests in the Bassus from bar 16 suggest that the Christe section may have been 17 bars long, but there is no further music against which to measure this in the other part.

I: Missing

II: 1: There is no B flat in the signature, but there is a B flat marked at the beginning of the Christe, which might reasonably suggest the use of a flat throughout the movement

2/1: pitch identifiable, but duration of note unclear

2/2-14 missing with exception of notes placed here in bars 11 and 12 (conjectural)

16: Beginning of Christe section missing

22/1: pitch identifiable, but duration unclear

23: part missing until material presented here as 25/2; Christe section was probably longer than this edition allows

30–38/1 missing. Duration of B flat at 39/1 unclear.

III: Missing

IV: 1: There is no B flat in the signature, but there is a B flat marked at the beginning of the Christe, which might suggest the use of a flat throughout.

10/2: duration of C unknown; part missing until bar 13. More notation could be lost here, as part II is very fragmentary.

16: Bassus is tacet in Christe eleyson. MS has sixteen long and one breve rests.

23–29/2: 6 long, 1 breve and 1 semibreve rests marked in MS

32/3: Duration of G unknown; music missing until material presented here as

33/2, though more could have been lost.

Kyrie IV (ff. 2v–3r)

General comments: This very fragmentary piece also appears to preserve a generally lower scoring than Kyrie I or II. There are many examples of unmarked, but harmonically necessary, accidentals in this movement; since so much is missing these have not been entered. Some imitation is present, though at times some parts are locked together in homophonic style, such as bars 4–8 of parts III and IV. Some small sections have been completed, and these are marked below. The bass part is almost intact.

I: 1-3/1: missing

3/1–3: suggested place for this fragment.

4/2–18/1: mostly missing

6/1–7/1: editorial placement of this fragment. Pitch of 7/1 indicated by custos

in MS, so duration unknown

20/2–20/4: editorial 21–24/1: missing

29-31: missing

II: 2/3-11/1: missing

11/1–12/5: suggested place for this fragment

c. 15: G in manuscript unaccounted for in present edition

13–20: missing 21/4–30: missing

III: 1-4/1: missing

9–13/1: missing 21/1-21/3: editorial 28/2–29: missing

IV: 17–18: missing

27/3-28/1: editorial

Mass I 'Or me veult' (ff. 3v-7r)

Gloria (f. 3v-5r)

General comments: Quite a lot of damage to this movement, particularly to the Triplex. The *cantus firmus* appears in the tenor line.

I: 1–7: Editorial

10–33/2: There may not have been music lost from 'Domine deus rex celestis', since the second verse of polyphony in the Credo is a reduced, three-part texture. However, the treble probably re-entered in the section 'Domine deus Agnus dei'.

12/2: MS has E creating unlikely leap of 7^{th} ; suggested alternative of B flat in bass gives slightly unsatisfactory octaves between bass and tenor lines, but similar movement occurs elsewhere (e.g. Credo of Mass II, bars 26-27 and

76 - 77

29–33/3: After Baillie 34/4–36: After Baillie

51/2: B flat is marked in the manuscript

58/3–59/5: After Baillie 65/2–66/1: After Baillie

II: 1/1: Rest editorial

9: Fermata editorial

29/1: Dot editorial

41/5-42/: MS damaged; editorial completion follows Baillie

III: 1: Editorial

4/1: MS has E 10–11: Editorial 21/6–22/1: Editorial 26/2: Fermata editorial

46/1–2: MS damaged, editorial

IV: 27: Bar rest editorial 37–53: Bassus tacet

Credo (f. 5v-7r)

General comments: This is in a relatively good state of preservation.

I: 2: MS reads C B flat A G G, but the uncharacteristic dissonance with the tenor line has been resolved here by changing the B flat to a G

5/1: E unclear in MS 6/1–8/1: After Baillie 11: tacet bars 11–29

30–32/1: MS lacks the beginning of this musical phrase, but does contain rests. This five-note editorial 'completion' makes more musical sense than the version given in the MS, but is offered with the possibility that the vocal part did not enter until the middle of the first beat of bar 32.

32: [Incarna] text not supplied, perhaps indicating part entered mid-word. Similarly in Bassus [incar]natus.

70/3–71/2: Editorial (manuscript damaged)

76–92: Triplex tacet

II: 1–2/1: Opening missing; editorial completion draws on Mass I Gloria 76–92: Medius tacet

III: 12: MS breve-semibreve in MS here divided into three equal notes to accommodate three syllables of text (de deo)

47: B flat cancelled in the MS with light brown ink

IV: B flat not consistently marked on this stave, but appears at the beginning of stave 4

22/3: MS has low F, here altered to a top G

31: Text opens 'natus', but matches the opening gesture of other lines, so the full text has been inserted here

Mass II 'Custodi nos, Domine' (f. 7v-11r)

Gloria (f. 7v–9r)

General comments: The *cantus firmus*, the liturgical melody 'Custodi nos, Domine' in a rhythmicized form, is inscribed in the centre of folio 8v. Additional B flats are marked in all parts more frequently than required, but E flats are largely confined to the Bassus.

I: 60/4: MS has ligature ending on an F

II: 17/3: '2' underneath final pitch of ligature

76/2: E flat editorial (follows bass)

78/ 5–6: MS has E D

III: 85/4: MS has D

IV: No comments

Credo (f. 9v-11r)

General comments: The *cantus firmus*, the liturgical melody 'Custodi nos, Domine' in a rhythmicized form, is inscribed in the centre of folio 8v. Additional B flats are marked in all parts more frequently than required, but E flats are largely confined to the Bassus.

I: 1–3: Editorial, but follows head-motif of Gloria

7/2: rest missing

27/3: note missing from MS

37/1: dot missing

66/9: original note value has been doubled here

71/3–72/3: missing in MS; follows Lee

97/3: rest editorial

109/11: Duration of E twice as long in MS

II: 102: changes to C2 clef

III: 24/1: rest editorial

100/2 – 4: Editorial

IV: 85/2: original note value has been doubled here

Folio 11v is empty ruled staves only

Mass III (f.12r-f.12v)

Benedictus (f. 12r)

General comments: Only two parts survive, but layout suggests that the two lowest voices may have been a tenor-contratenor pair, sharing a similar vocal range; voice IV in the Benedictus and voice III in the Agnus Dei are notated in C4 clef.

I: Missing

II: 19/2: MS has long rest here in error

25/2: only stem visible

58/1: part IV has a new mensuration mark, but there is no indication of one

here

67/1–3: MS has A G G

III: Missing

IV: No comments

Agnus Dei (f.12v)

General comments: Only two parts survive but layout suggests that the two lowest voices may have been a tenor-contratenor pair, sharing a similar vocal range. Agnus Dei verse III is missing from the manuscript.

I: 47: Fermata editorial

87/1: 8/4 written; should be proportio sesquialtera

90: Fermata editorial

II: Missing

III: 12: B flat marked between rest (b. 11) and the first pitch

47: Fermata editorial

68–71: 8/4 written; should be *proportio sesquialtera*

90: Fermata editorial, and duration of final note regularised to match upper part

IV: Missing

Mass IV (f. 13r-16r)

Sanctus (f. 13r)

General comments: Several syllables are placed in unlikely places, or repeated a number of times.

I: Missing

II: [C3]; key signature editorial

12/3: E flat editorial, but marked in Bassus

17/1: rest/note missing from MS because of damage

29/1: 'Gloria' marked here

33/3: G is semibreve in MS (i.e. would be minim in halved values)

52/1: '3 2' marked beneath note

62/2: '2' beneath note shows imperfected

III: Missing

IV: [C5]; key signature editorial

39/3: rest obscured in MS

50: '3 2' marked beneath rest

62/2–3: Scribe's imperfect semibreves C E are covered here in the MS by an apparently original repair: a piece of paper with ruled stave lines has been glued onto the page, perhaps in order to correct it. These pitches fit, and are used here for convenience.

64: Tie editorial, MS has single note

75/2: '2' written beneath this note

Benedictus (f. 13v–14r)

General comments: The placement of syllables creates similar problems to the Sanctus. The beginning of the Medius part is damaged.

I: 14/3: Rest missing from MS

49/2: MS doubles the duration of this note in error

67/1: 6/8 marked beneath note

II: 3/3–6/4: MS damaged. Completion follows Lee's suggestions.

17/5: Rest missing in MS because of damage

24/1-2: MS has A B flat

25/4: E flat marked in MS. Other parts follow points of imitation.

62/1: MS doubles the duration of this note in error

65: fermata over first note

III: 8: MS gives as part of ligature that should make this a minim

17/2: MS has E

67/1: 6 written above note 69/3: '2' written under note

IV: 10/3: MS has C

26/5: E flat was in MS but has been damaged or erased; editorially replaced.

66/2: MS has C

Agnus Dei (ff. 14v–16r)

General comments: The upper and lower margins of these leaves have been most damaged.

I: 7–9: MS damaged. Edition follows Dover's completion here

36/2: MS has G

39/3: MS damaged, but no doubt C intended

89/1: dotted in MS

92/5-94/2: MS damaged. Edition follows Dover's completion

152/1: 6/8 and 3/2 marked under note, proportio sesquialtera

163/3-4: MS has F G

II: 4–8/1: MS damaged. Edition follows Dover's completion here

33/5: G is minim in MS

46/3: Dot not visible in manuscript

48/1–2: MS damaged. Edition follows Dover's completion here

152: 3/2 marked in MS, proportio sesquialtera

160/2: 2 written beneath note to indicate alteration

163/ 1–4: MS gives B flat, A, G, F. Editorial amendment to avoid octaves with part I

168/2: 2 written beneath note

169/2: 2 written beneath note

III: 5/3: C in MS

80/4-81/2: MS damaged; editorial

106/4: C is minim in MS

115/2: MS lacks dot, amended here to match rhythm of upper line

116/1: MS dot removed (see 115/2)

130/3–4: MS has two semibreve rests

146/4: MS has C

152: 3/2 marked, proportio sesquialtera

158/2: MS has D 159/1: MS has C IV: 14/1: MS has D

22/2: MS has G

37/2: MS has D

38/2: C4 clef given, but should read F4

41/1–2: Missing minim beat. Added G on 41/1

41/2: C5 clef 56/5: MS has C

58/1–2: MS gives both as minims (crotchets in halved values). I follow Dover's suggestion here, but the harmonic movement is still not entirely satisfactory

77/5–78/4: MS damaged. Edition follows Dover's completion

81/3-82/2: MS damaged. Edition follows Dover's completion

95/2: MS has G

152: 3/2 marked, proportio sesquialtera

167–170: MS damaged. Edition follows Dover's completion

Mass V 'Venit dilectus meus' (ff. 16v-20r)

Gloria (f. 16v–17v)

General comments: Neatly written, but damage to f. 17 has affected several sections, and the second half of the Triplex and Tenor parts are lacking because of missing leaves

I: 29/6: MS has B as crotchet

40/1: MS has extra, unnecessary minim A before this note

91: Beginning of this section missing, perhaps a few bars

91/1: pitch of first note unclear in MS

99/3-102/1: MS missing

102/1–2: stems only visible

129/4-132/1: MS missing

145/1: Note unclear

145/2–147/1: MS missing

147/2: Only the dot is visible; editorial B flat

157/2-158/2: MS has E A G F E

160/1: Note missing, G editorial

161/5–164/1: MS missing

164/1: G editorial (follows Tenor, bar 162)

II: 37/3–39/1: MS missing

51–52/1: MS missing

79–81/1: Missing; Dover's suggestion for bar 79

86/1: '3' indicates proportio sesquialtera

III: 54/1: MS unclear

64/9: MS damaged

73: Mensuration sign inscribed in error, should be a symbol indicating proportio sesquialtera

73/3–76/1: MS damaged

76/1–2: B flat editorial; A indicated by custos

90: MS damaged, pitch unclear

91–92/1: MS missing 102/3–103: MS missing

137–138: editorial

154/1: MS damaged, but pitch visible

154/2–156/1: MS missing

IV: 9/1–2: editorial, MS damaged

12/4: MS missing 13: MS unclear

25/3–27/1: MS missing 35–36: MS unclear

66/6: A is unclear in MS

Benedictus (f. 18r)

General comments: The E flats are more carefully indicated in part II than part IV, even cancelling the flat with a 'sharp' sign on occasion (though in a lighter, possibly later, hand). Parts I and III were originally on the verso of the previous leaf.

- I Missing
- II 12: Black full coloration with subscript marking 'c.1.'

18: 11 long rests and one semibreve rest

37/2-50: tacet

- III Missing
- IV 11: Black full coloration with subscript marking 'c.1.'

18–37/1: tacet

37/1: Later hand has written 'Rest one after the closse'

39/2: Later hand has written 'On this note trible', perhaps indicating entry of upper part at this point. Annotation may, however, refer to 37/1.

Agnus Dei (f. 18v-20r)

General comments: Written in a dense fashion, but manner of correcting rhythmic errors is supportive of the idea of one scribe (compare Mass II corrections). Annotations appear in this movement in Bassus and Medius parts. Attribution 'Venit dilectus meus: Johannes Cuke' at foot of f.20r.

- I: 14/1–3: editorial, MS damaged
 - 110: annotation directs singer for entry

143/1: duration halved in MS

II: 92–94/3: damaged MS, editorial completion follows Lee

110: 'ij after closse' indicates singer needs to wait two beats after the cadence before their entry

134/1: MS has C

142/5–6: double this duration in the MS

144: unusual ligature; could indicate a chord, but this is unlikely

III: 11/1–2: F and G editorial, MS damaged

97/4: erroneous note head appears a sixth above the real pitch 109: unusual ligature; could indicate a chord, but this is unlikely

IV: 60/3: Annotation 'Tenor on this note' indicates the entry of the Tenor voice on F, an octave above, immediately after the Bassus. Perhaps an indication that the bass singer directed the Tenor to enter at this point?

71: MS damaged, editorial

Mass VI (f. 20v-22v)

Gloria (f. 20v-22r)

General comments: Not particularly neatly written. Frequent employment of E flats and an unusual occurrence of an A flat in the Bassus create some interesting harmonic colours for a three-part texture. Words 'patris patris' appear at foot of f. 20 as a pen trial. Top line in the 'alto' range, but labelled as Triplex; the only other part in this range to be labelled Triplex is in Kyrie I, which has a first and second Triplex rather than the Triplex and Medius found elsewhere in the MS.

I: 10/1–21/4: manuscript damaged, editorial

65/4-68/1: manuscript damaged, editorial

83/2: MS has B flat

II: 37/3: MS damaged, editorial

49/1: partially obscured

III: 109/3: duration of D halved in MS

Credo (f. 22v)

General comments: Rather scruffy, and final notes are crossed out, remaining uncorrected. The copying of this piece may therefore not have been finished. Complete, it would have covered two manuscript openings. The Bassus is entirely missing, as it would have occupied the facing recto.

I: 9: Text reads 'terre' for 'terra'

II: 33–5: Text 'Deum verum de Deo vero' missing; restored here

39: D, C and B flat are crossed out in the manuscript

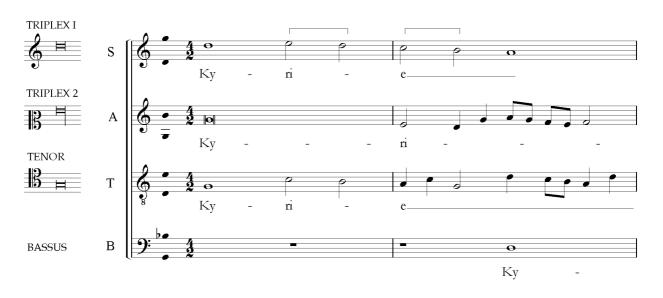
39/3: Final note indicated by custos only on D (rhythm not indicated); this has been editorially altered to match the melodic movement in the upper line. A similar passage of close imitation occurs in bars 32–34.

III: Missing



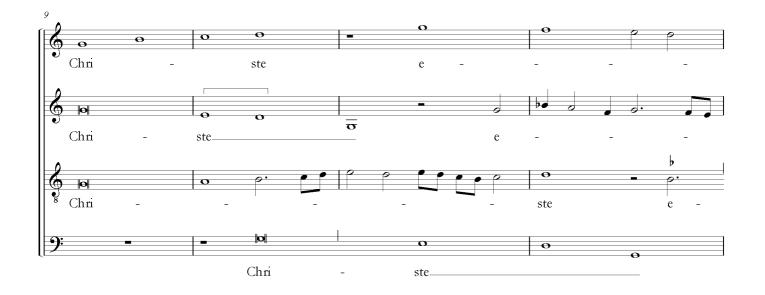
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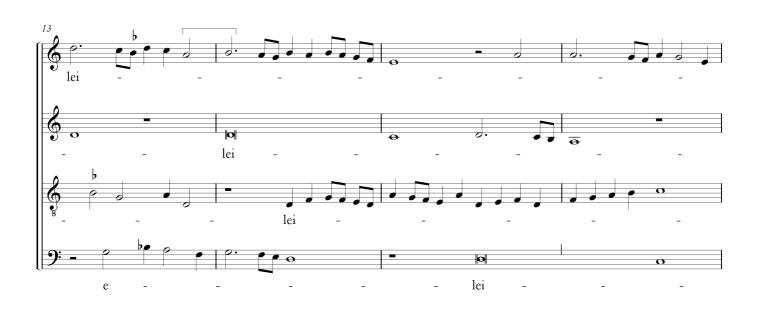
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Kyrie II 'O Rex clemens'

(INCOMPLETE)

[?William] Horwod



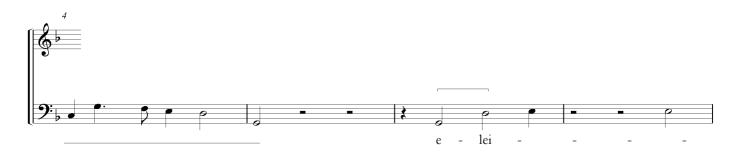




Kyrie III (INCOMPLETE)

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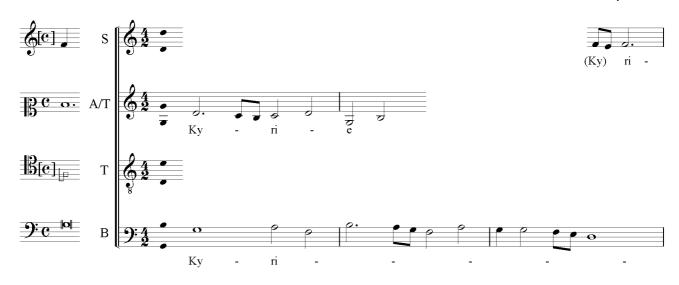


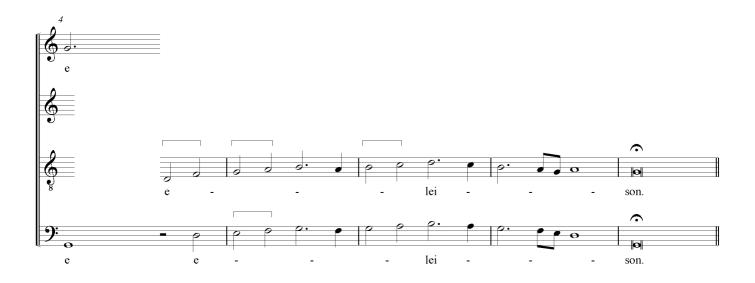


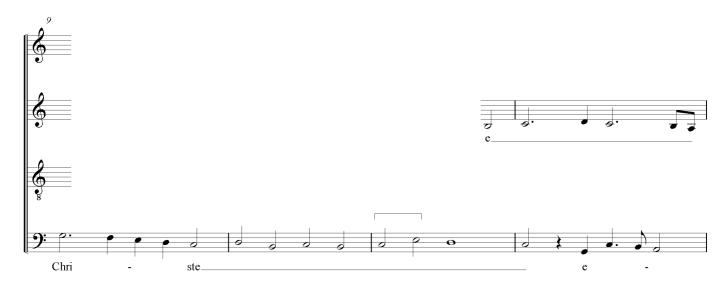
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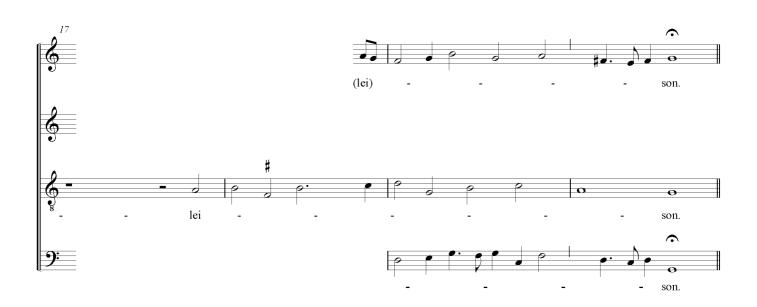
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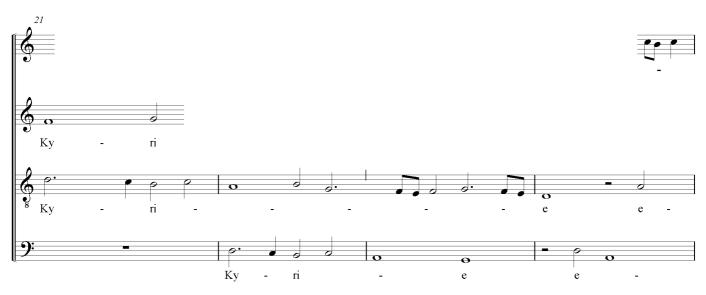


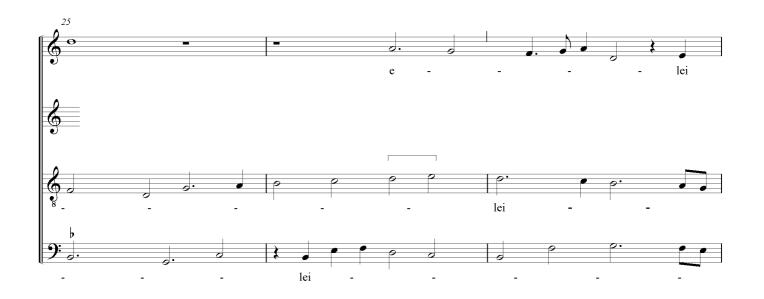


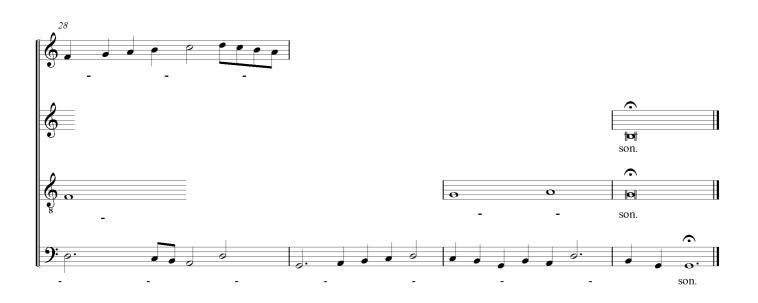










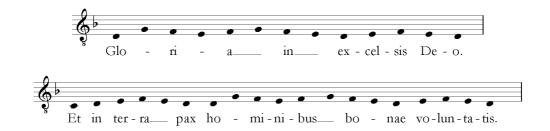


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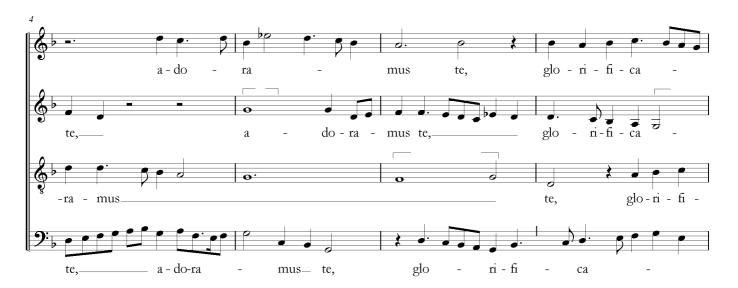
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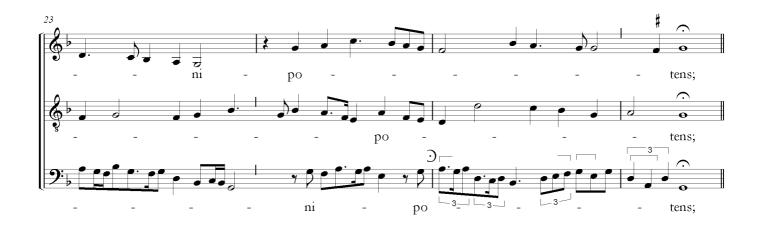
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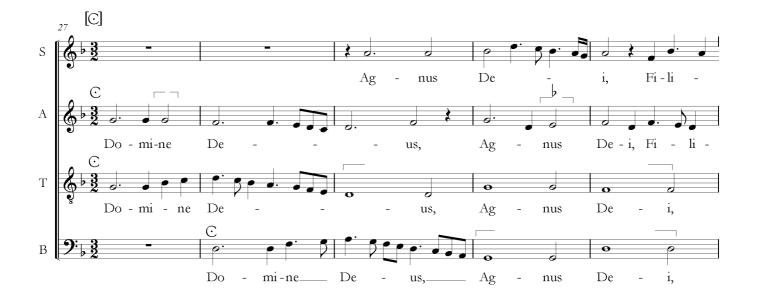




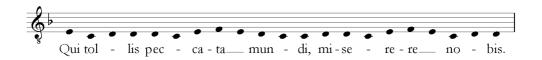


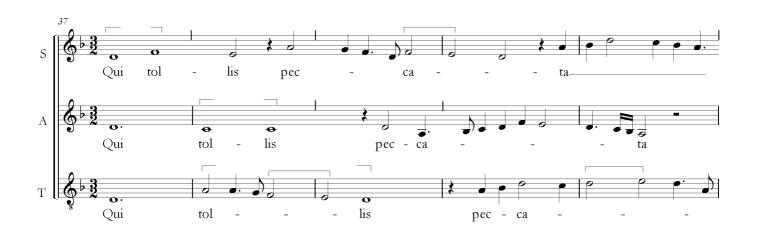


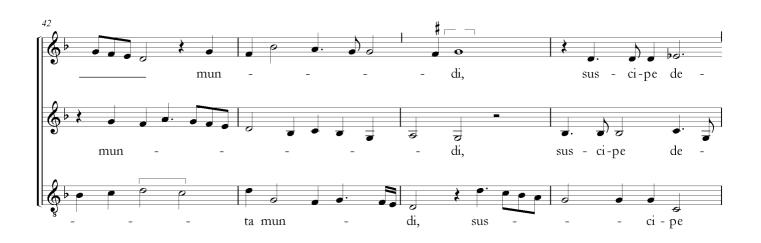


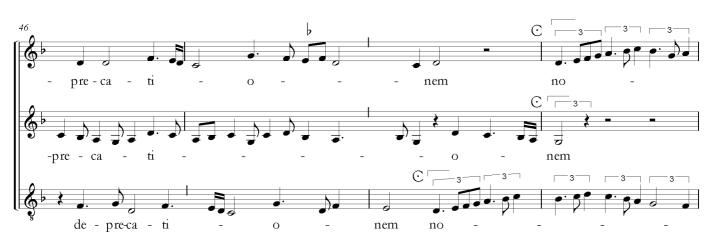






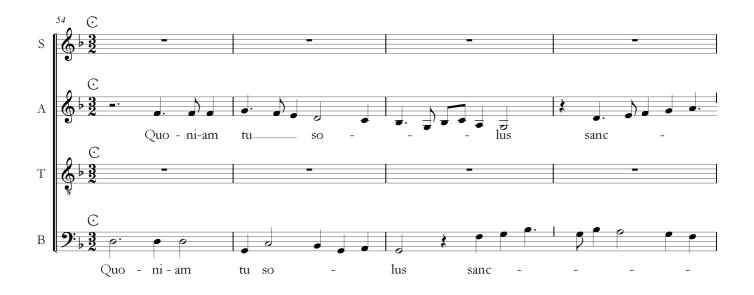


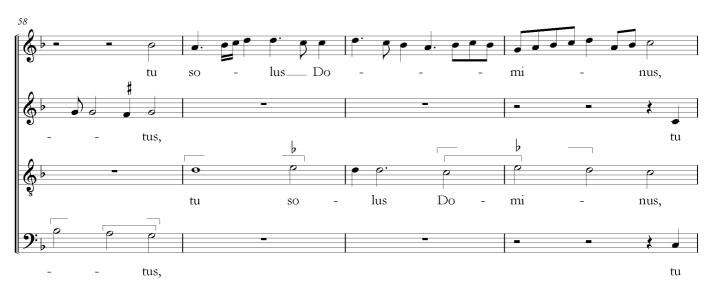


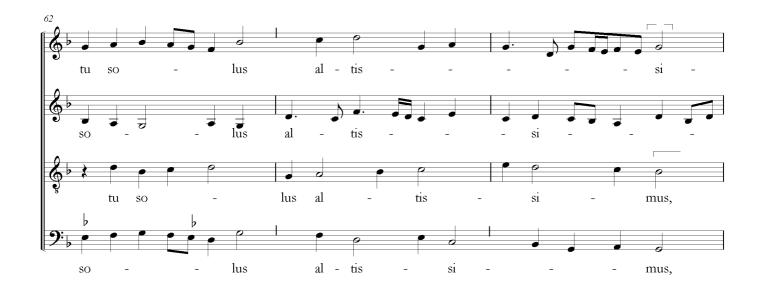


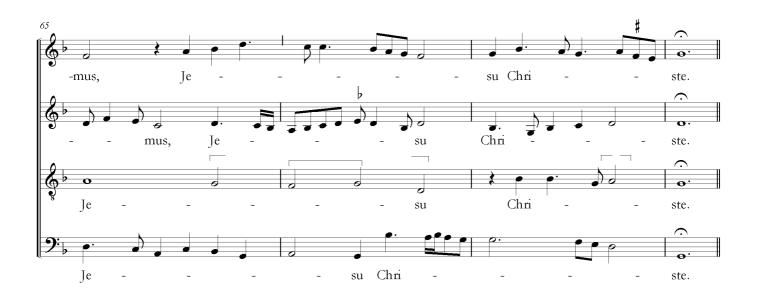










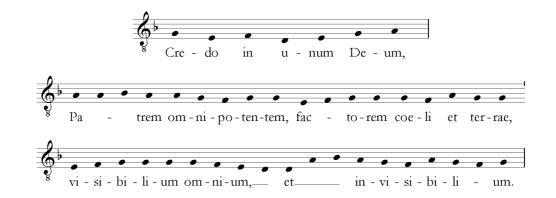


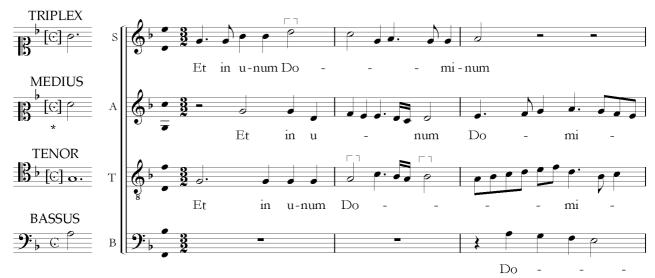




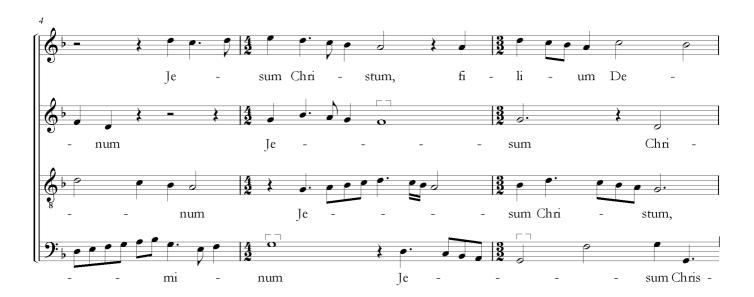
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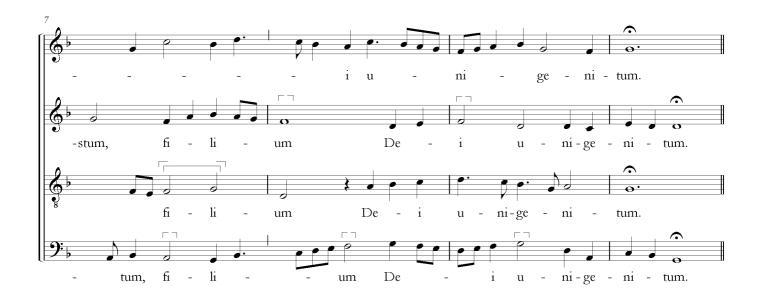
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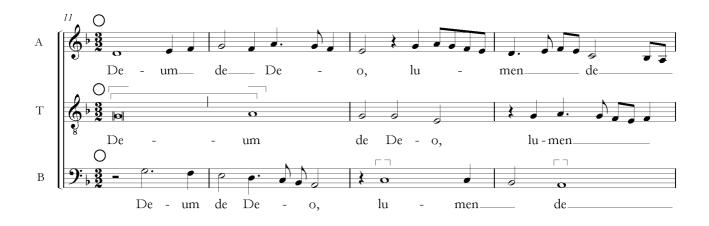


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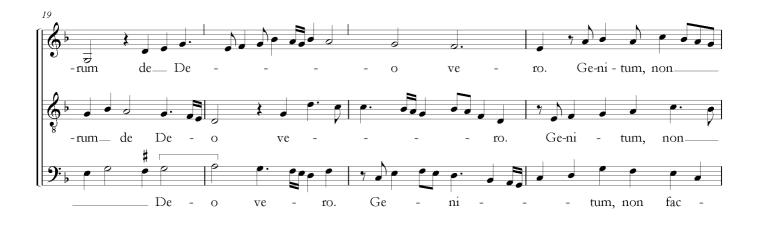


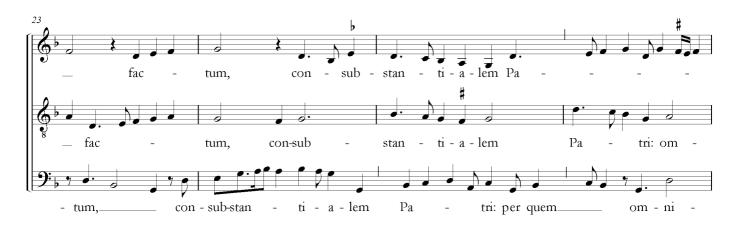






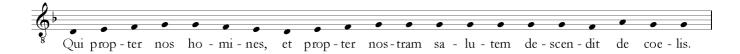


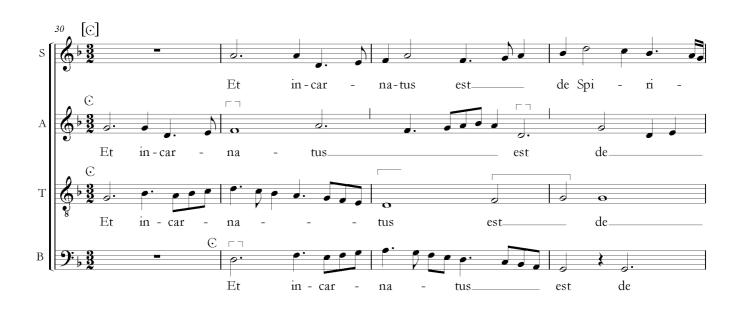


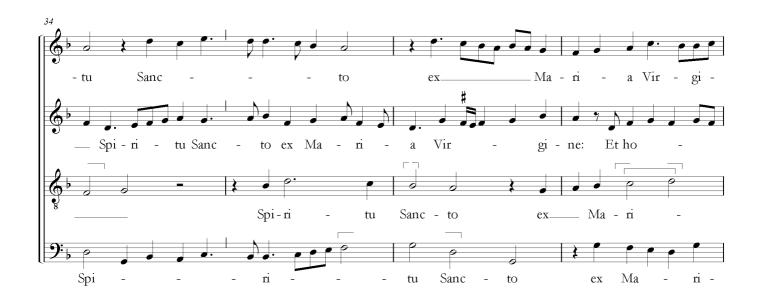


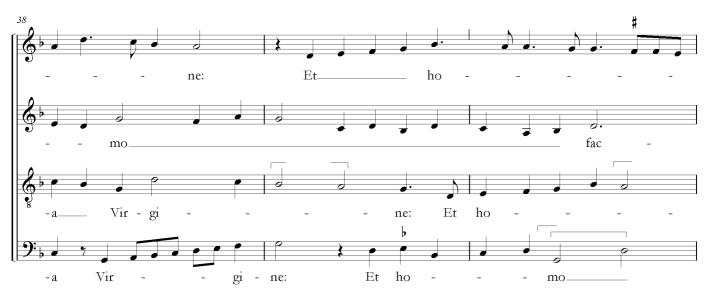


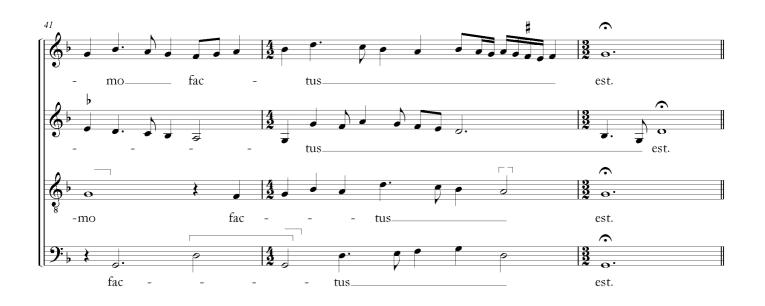




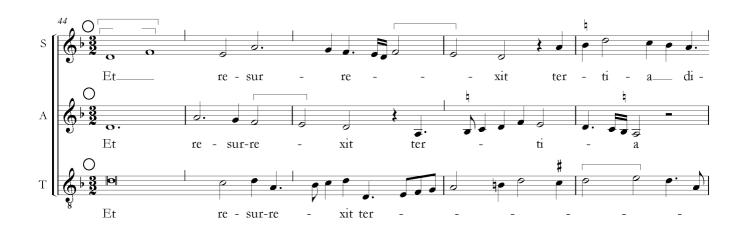


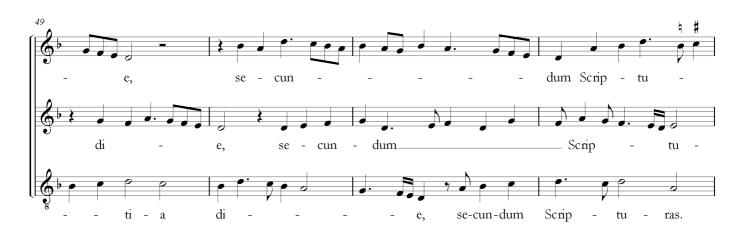


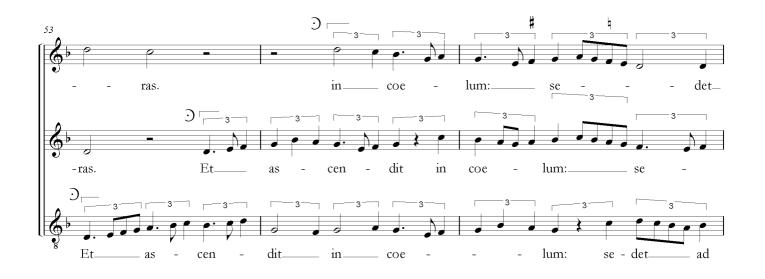


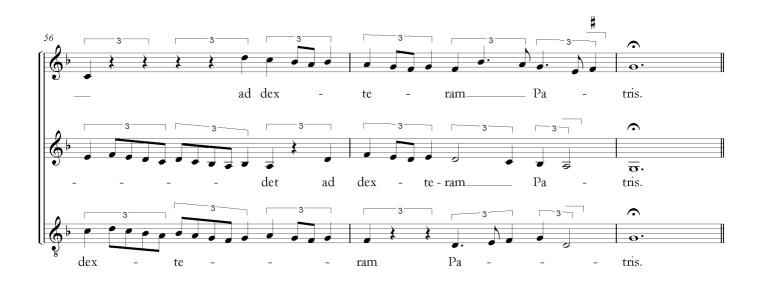


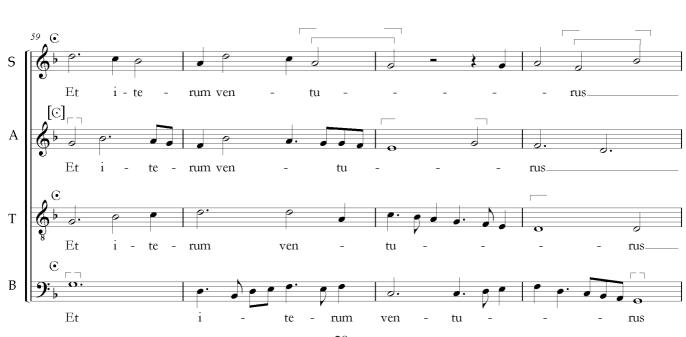


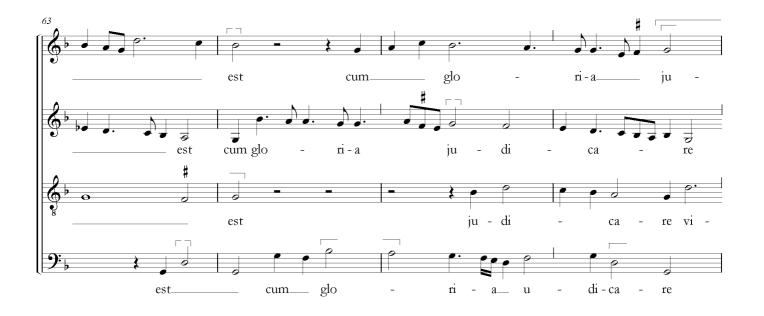


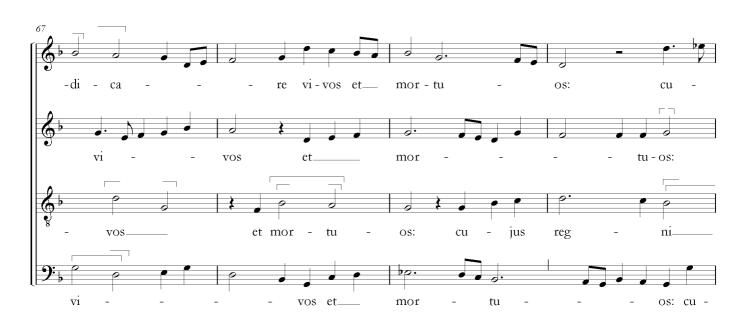






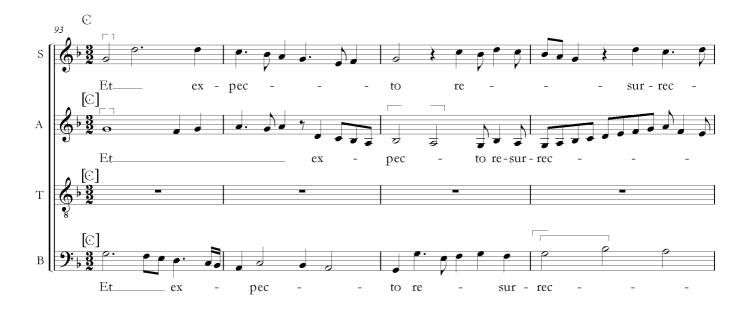






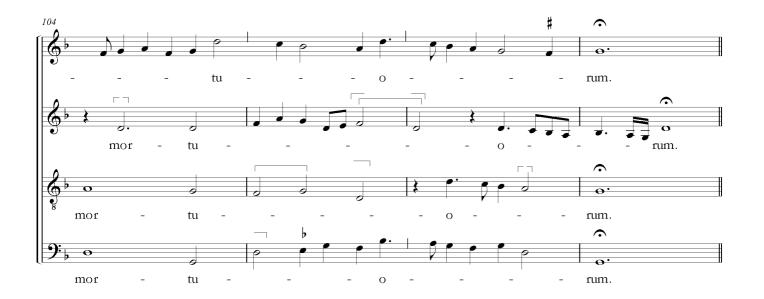














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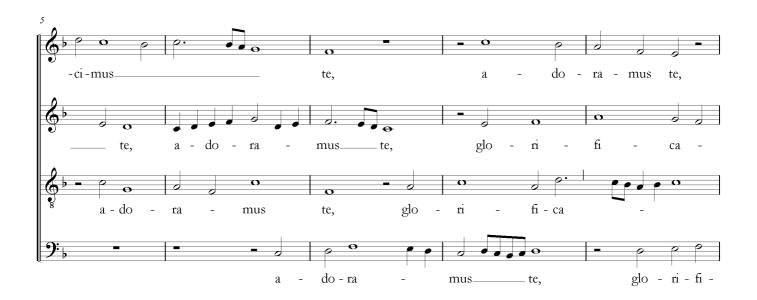
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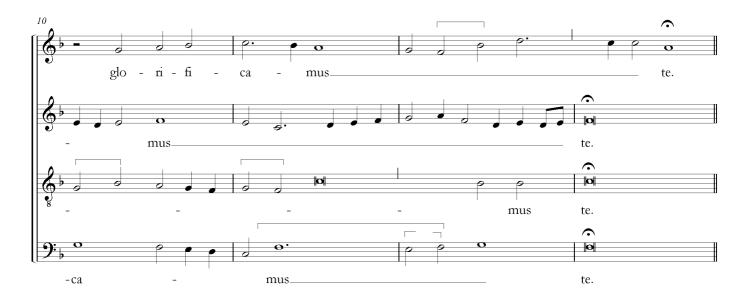
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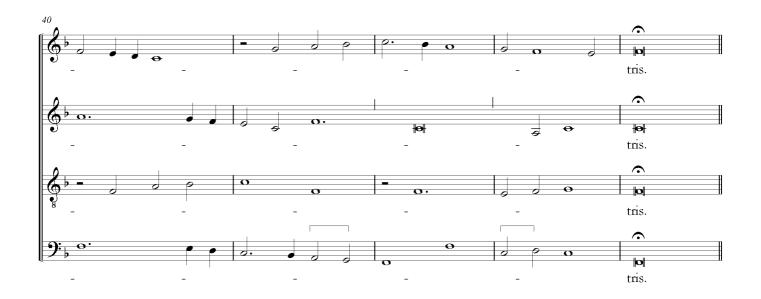




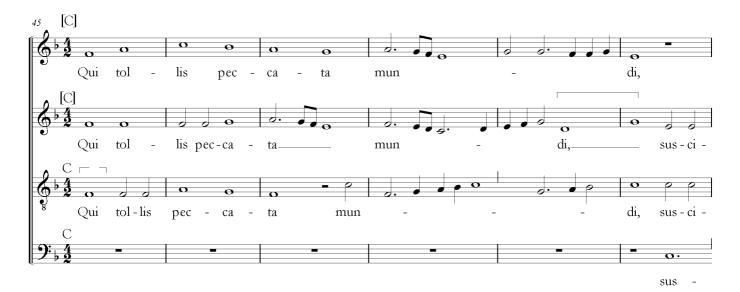


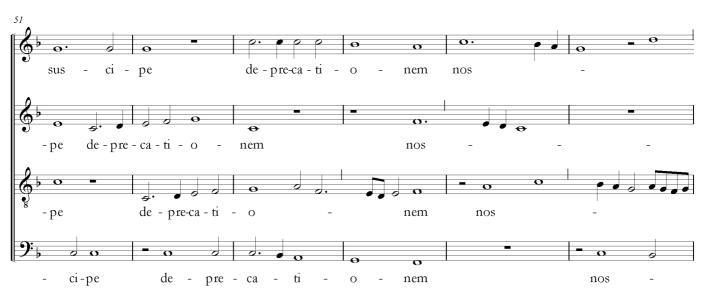






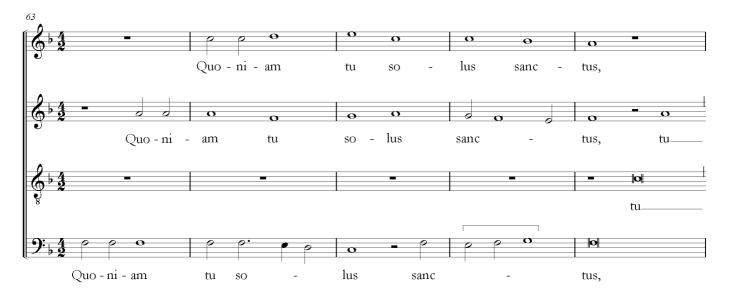










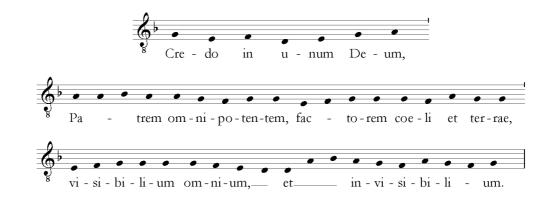


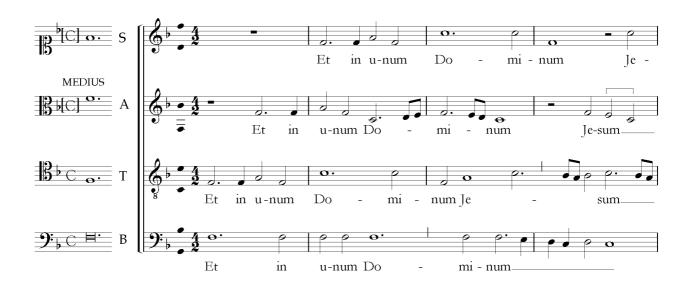


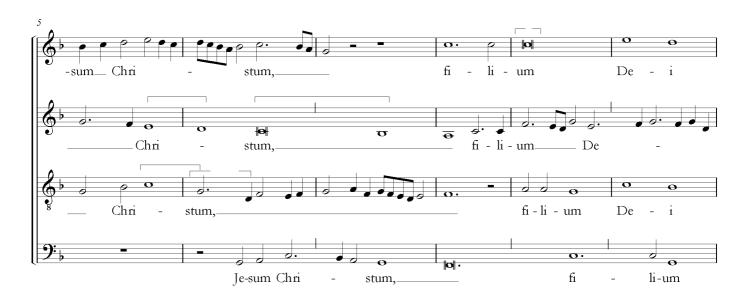


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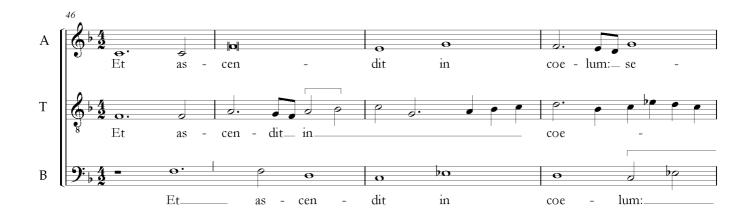


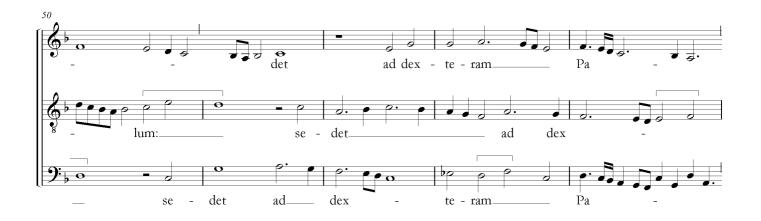






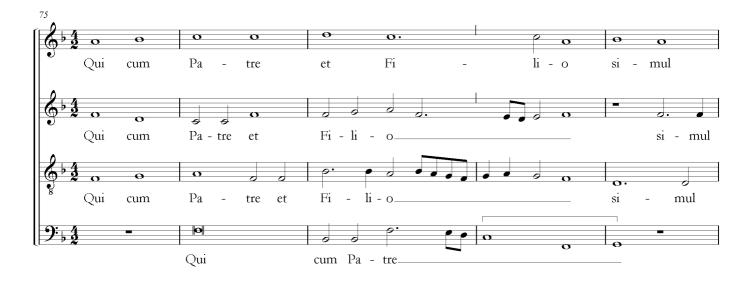


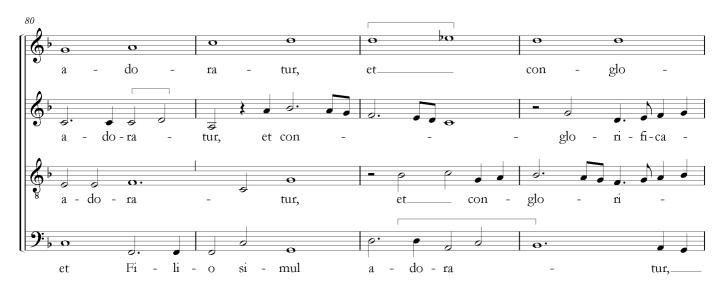


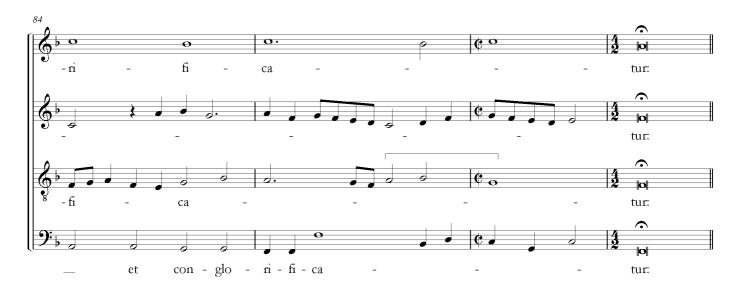


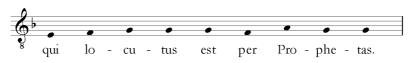


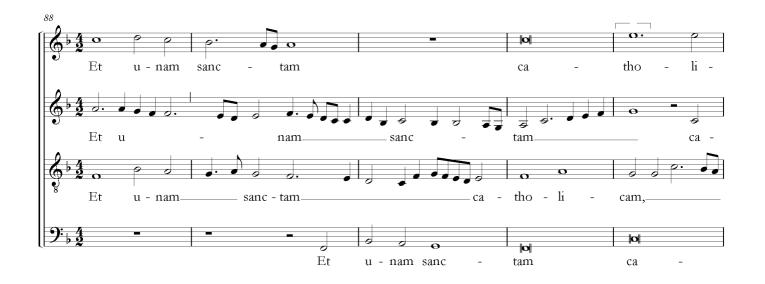


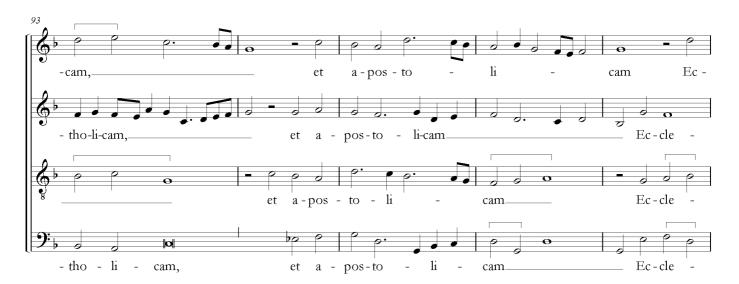




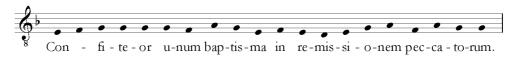














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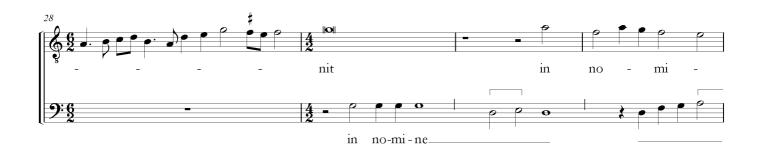
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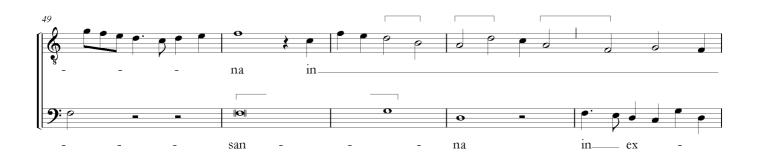














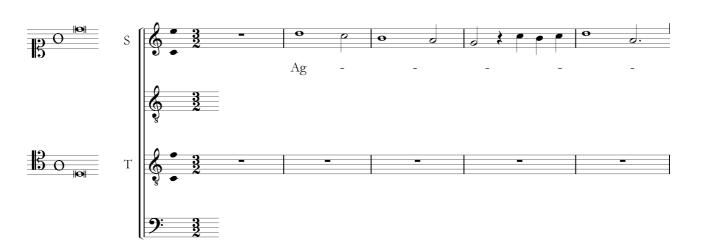




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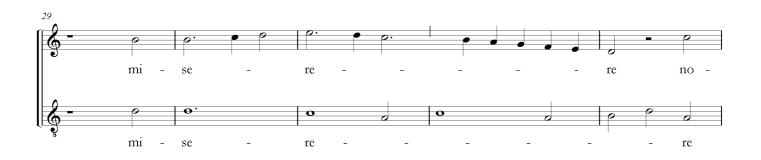






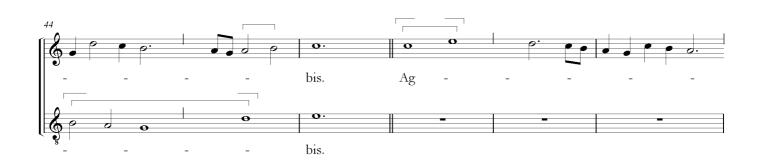












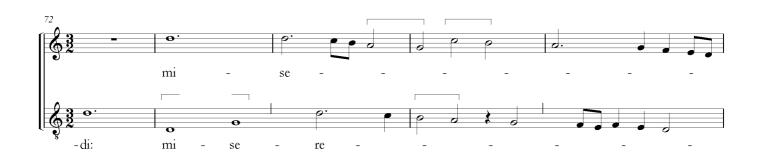






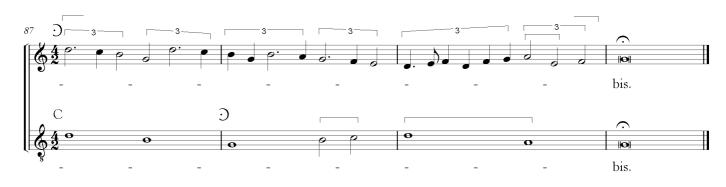












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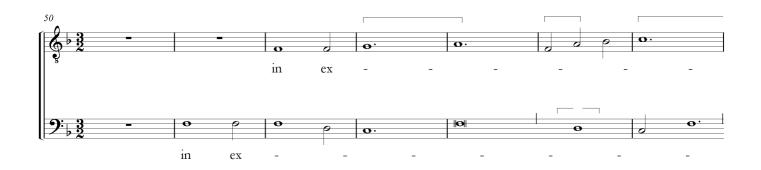


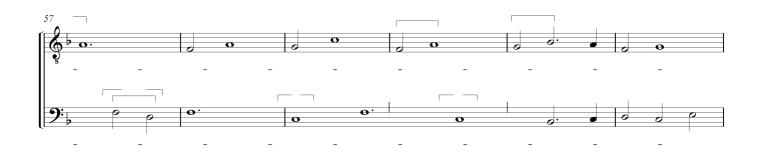










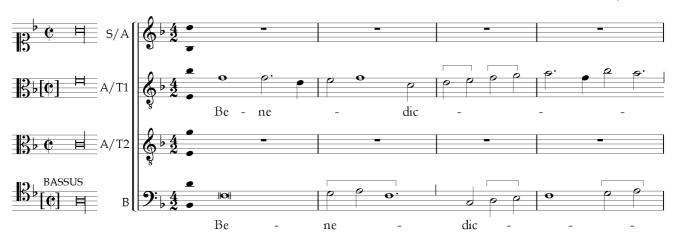






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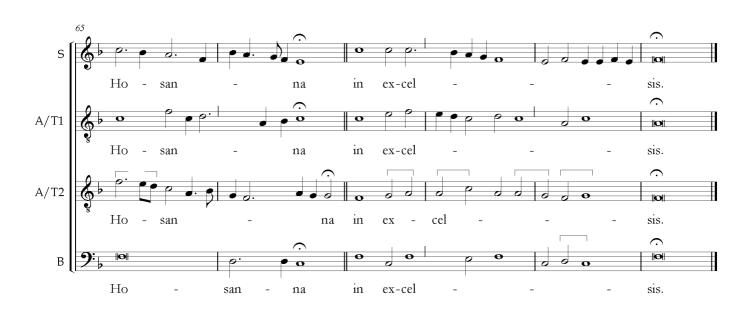










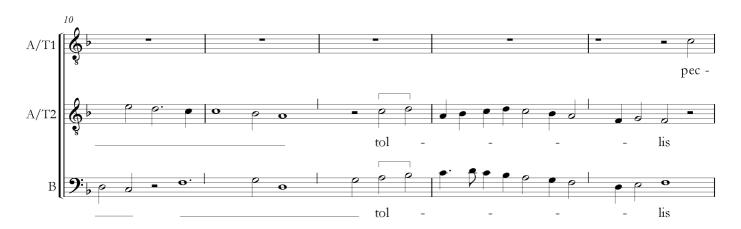


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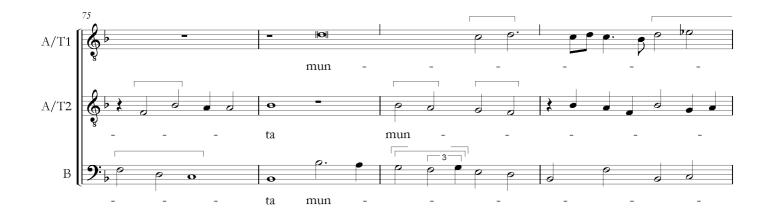


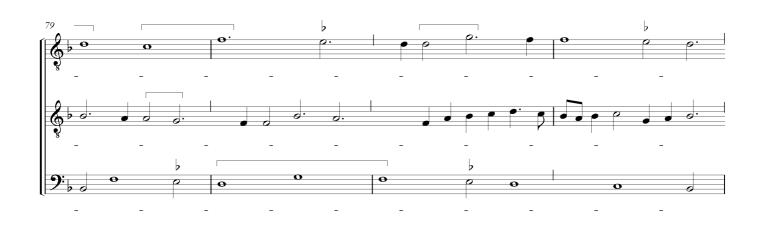


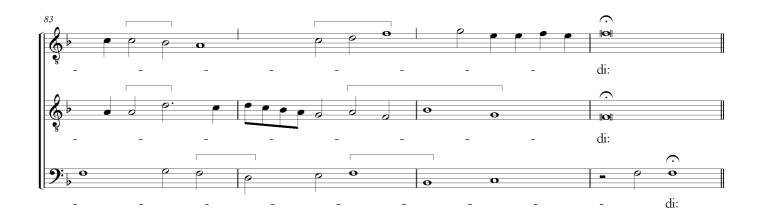






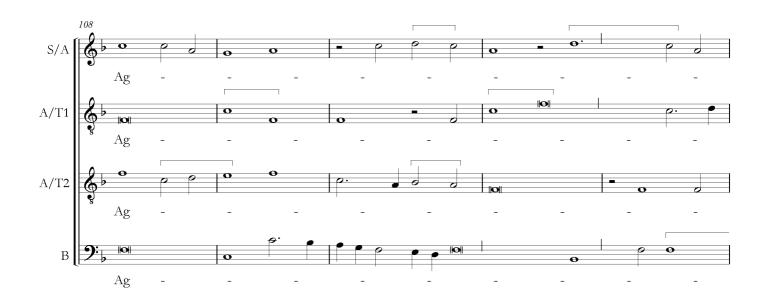


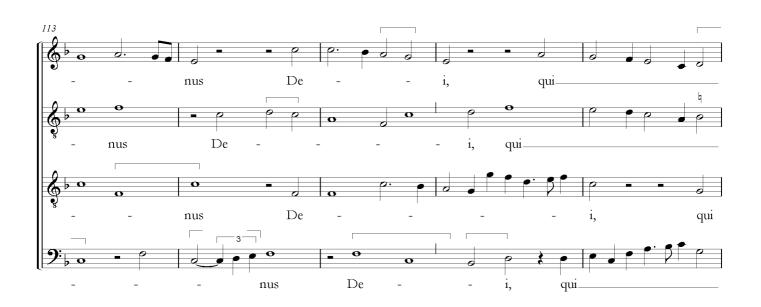




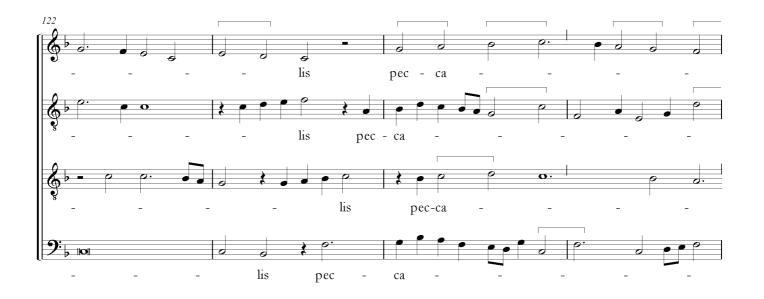


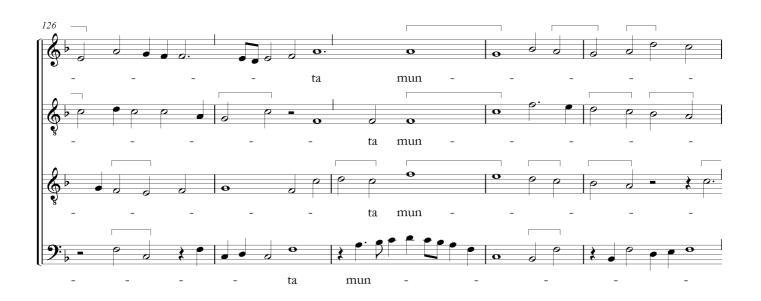




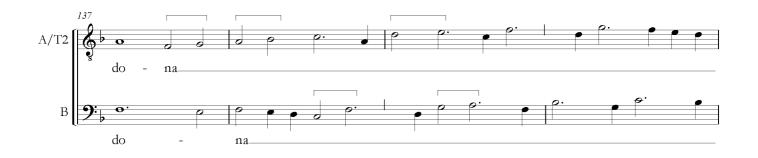




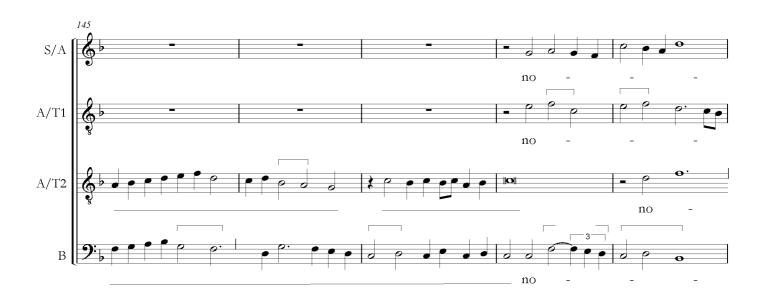


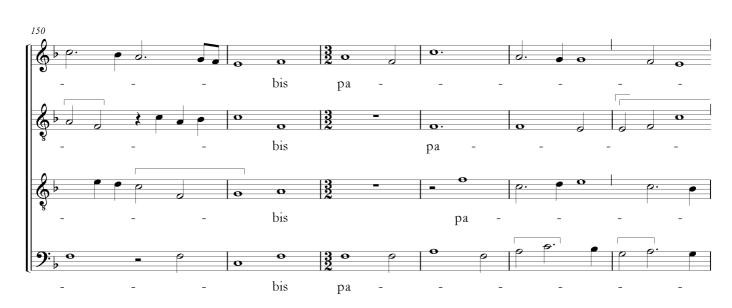


















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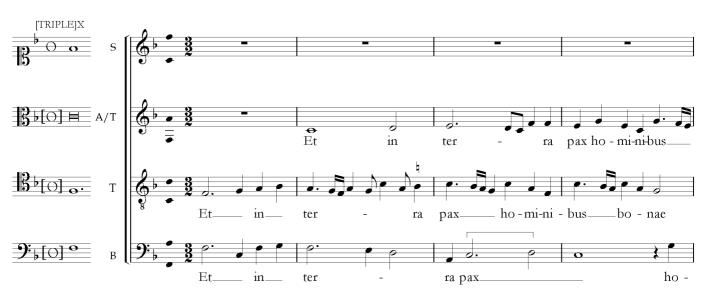
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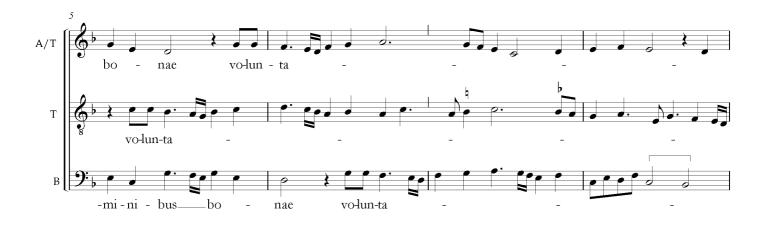
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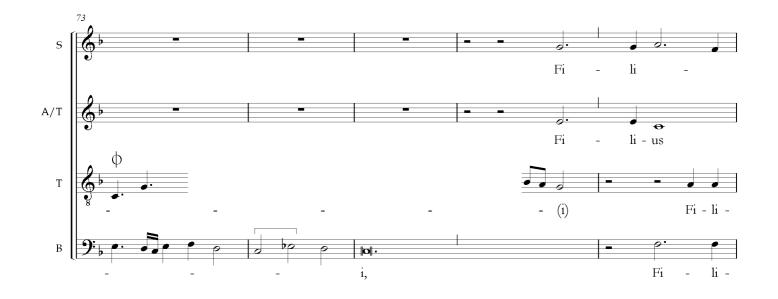


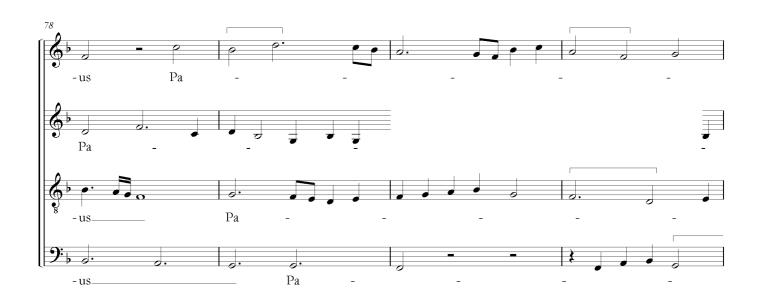








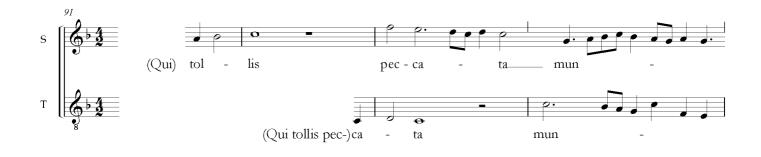
















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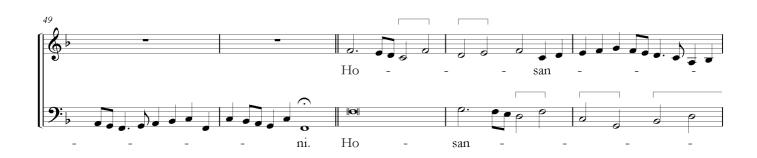
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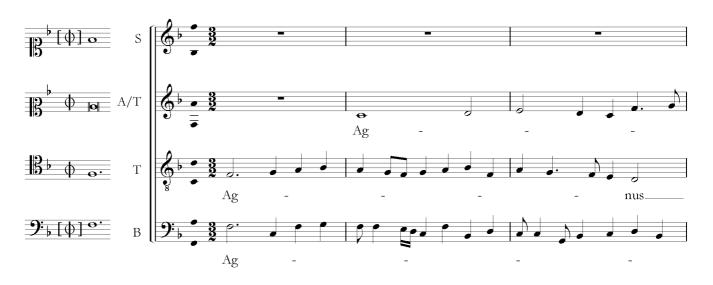






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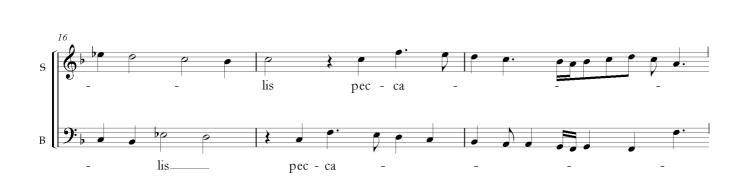






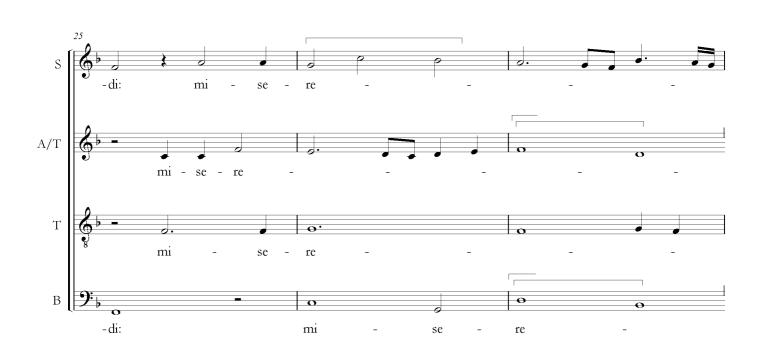


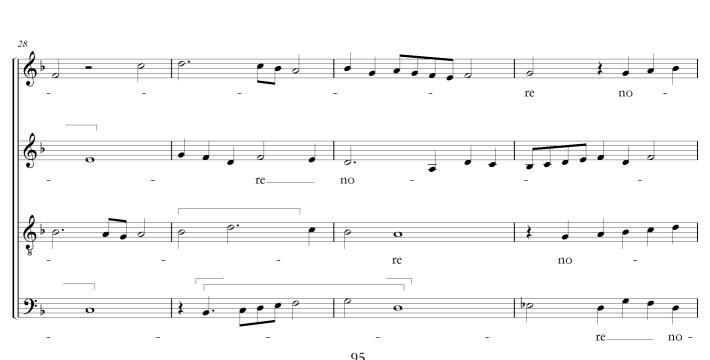














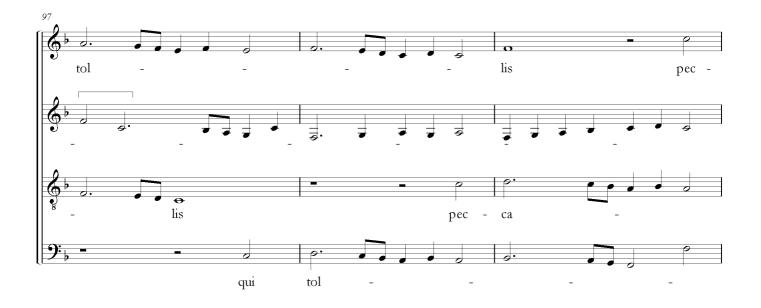


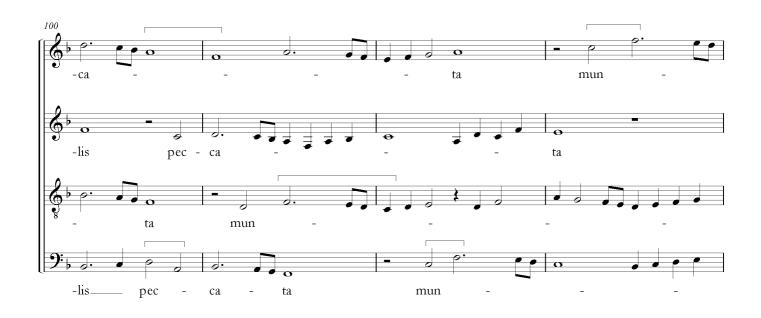


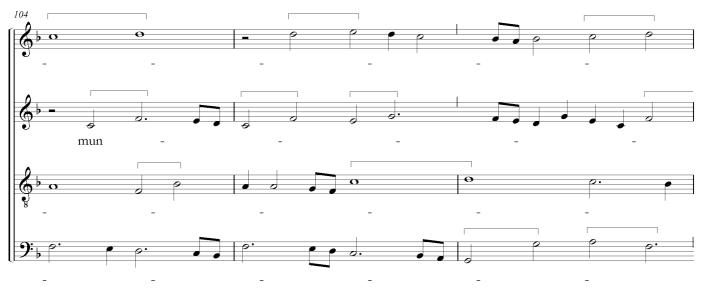






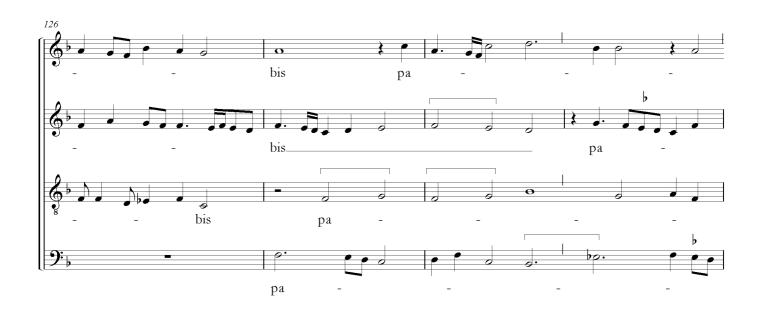




















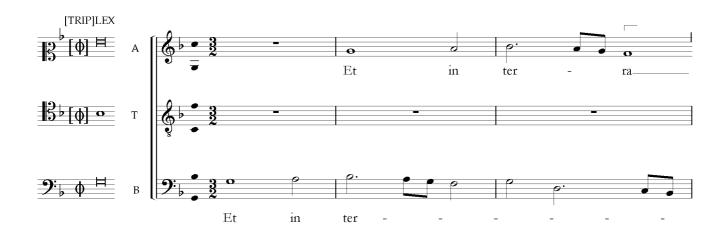
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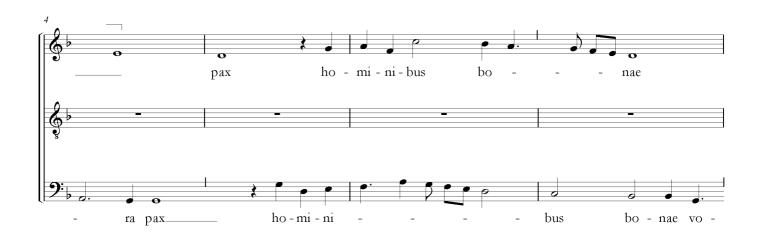
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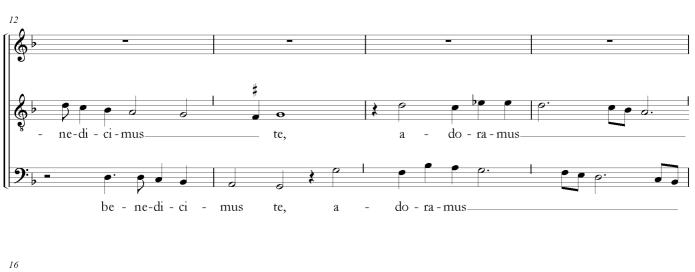
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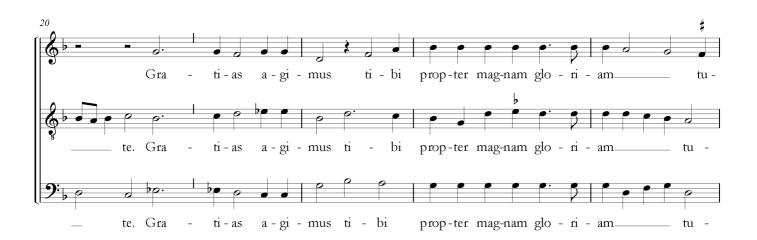


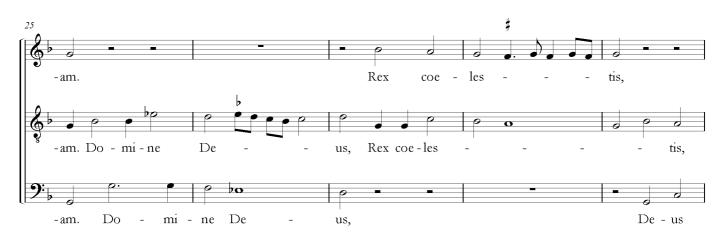


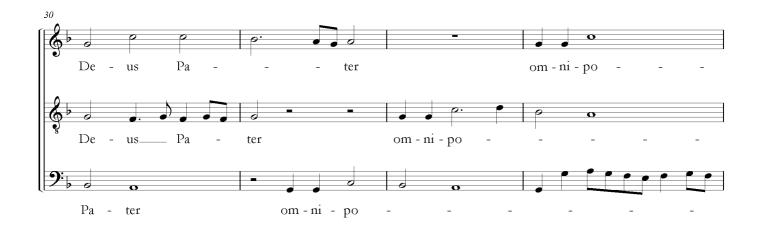




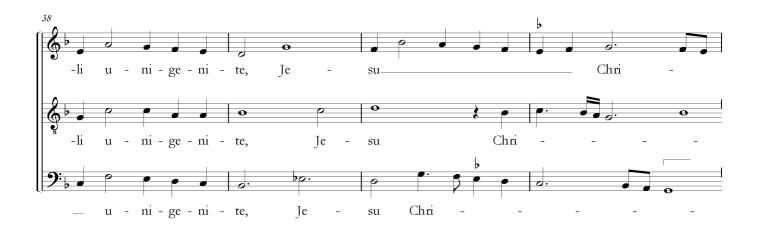


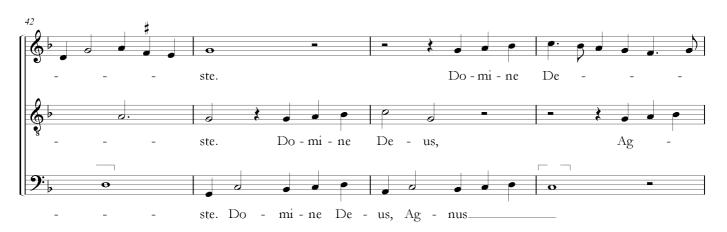


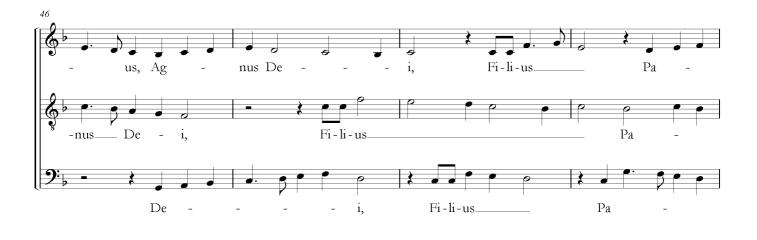




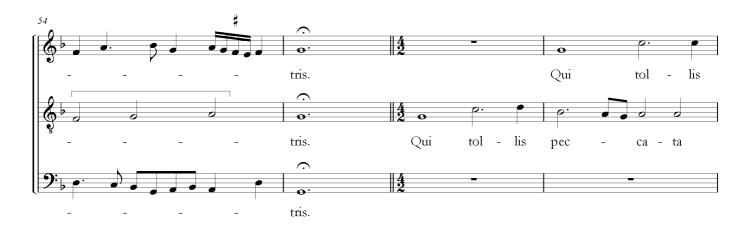


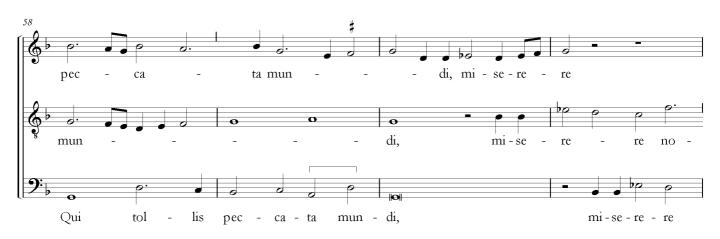




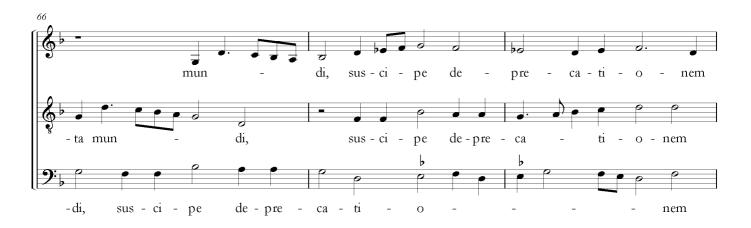


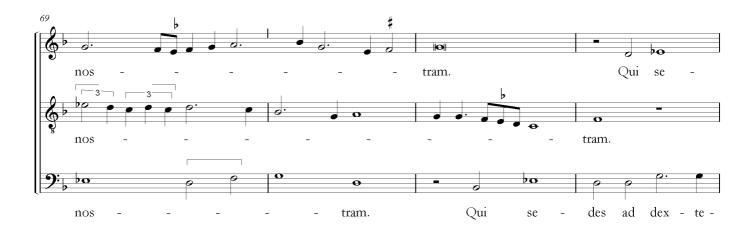


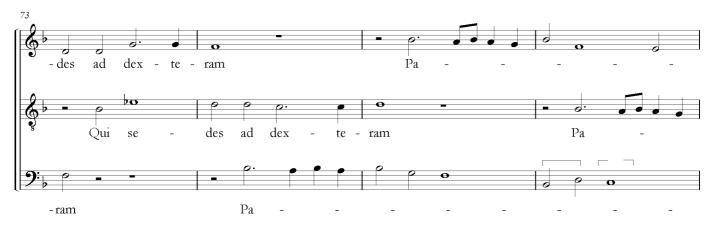








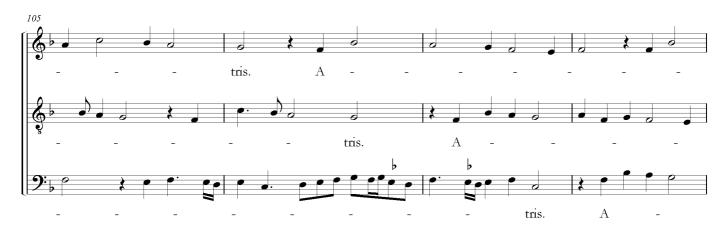


















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