## Haec dies

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John Ensdale (fl. c.1530)


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ON EASTER DAY


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ON EASTER MONDAY

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## ON EASTER TUESDAY



ON EASTER WEDNESDAY

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## Translation

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. Verses
Easter Day: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, because his mercy endureth for ever.
Easter Monday: Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, that his mercy endureth for ever.
Easter Tuesday: Now let those give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed, those whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy, and gathered out of the lands.
Easter Wednesday: The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

## Liturgical Function

Gradual at Mass and, instead a hymn, at Prime, Terce, Sext, None and Second Vespers on Easter Day and daily until the following Friday. Ensdale's polyphony does not include a repeat of the intonation, which was always repeated by the choir at Mass, and omits the neuma with which the gradual ended at Mass. These omissions clearly identify his setting as intended for use during the office. Of the offices, only Vespers is likely to have been adorned by polyphony. At this service, but not at the other offices, the gradual was followed by a verse. This was the same as sung at Mass and varied daily: on Easter Day Confitemini Domino, on Monday Dicant nunc Judaei, on Tuesday Dicant nunc qui redempti sunt, on Wednesday Dextera Domini, on Thursday Lapidem quem reprobaverunt, on Friday Benedictus qui venit. Easter Day was ranked as a principal double feast; the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Easter Week were lesser doubles. The remaining days of the octave were simple feasts with ruling of the choir and are not likely to have been adorned with vocal polyphony. This edition gives the verses for the four double feasts, although it is possible that Ensdale's polyphony was sung only on Easter Day.

## Editorial Conventions

The nomenclature of the voice-parts follows the Tudor convention.
The original clef, staff signature, and first note of each part are shown on the prefatory staves. No mensuration signs are given, but $\mathbb{Q}$ can be assumed.
Ligatures are denoted by the sign $\square$.
Spelling of the text has been modernised.

## Sources

Polyphony: London, British Library Add. MSS 17802-5 (the 'Gyffard Partbooks', c.1572-c.1578).

| 17802 | $(\mathrm{Ct} 2)$ | $\mathrm{f} .155^{\nu}$ | at beginning: in die pasce John ensdale |
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| 17803 | (Ct1) | f .154 | at beginning: in die pasce John ensdale |
| 17804 | (T) | f .150 | at beginning: in die pasce John ensdale |
| 17805 | (B) | f. 144 at beginning: in die pasce John ensdall |  |

Plainsong: The intonation is given in the partbooks above. The four verses have been supplied from Antiphonarij ad usum Sarum volumen primum vulgo pars hyemalis nuncupata (Paris: Wolfgang Hopyl for Franz Birckman, 1519), ff. $217^{v}, 223^{v}, 225^{v}, 227$ of the Temporale respectively.

## Notes on the Readings of the Sources

The intonation is given in all four partbooks without any variants, except that in the Tenor book it is followed by a direct $B$, which is an error. The pitch of the intonation matches that of the plainsong chant used as a cantus firmus in the Bass part. The underlay of the cantus firmus does not quite match that in the plainsong books and some amalgamation of repeated neumes renders it unlikely that it should be made to conform.

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[^0]:    B Staff signature $b$ for E (only) throughout
    3 Ct 1 C is a crotchet
    4 T E omitted

