

Diliges Dominum

Canon VIII voc.

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius
Primus [Soprano 1]

Contratenor
[Primus] [Alto 1]

Tenor
Primus [Tenor 1]

Bassus
[Primus] [Bass 1]

Superius
Secundus [Soprano 2]

Contratenor
[Secundus] [Alto 2]

Tenor
Secundus [Tenor 2]

Bassus
[Secundus] [Bass 2]

Di - li - ges Do - mi - num De - um tu - um
Di - li - ges Do - mi - num De - um tu - um ex
Di - li - ges Do - mi - num De - um tu - um ex to - to
Di - li - ges Do - mi - num De - um tu - um
Di - li - ges Do - mi - num De - um tu - um, De -
Di - li - ges Do - mi - num De - um tu - um,
Di - li - ges Do - mi - num De - um tu - - -
Di - li - - ges Do - mi - - num De - - um tu - - um,

ex to - to cor - de tu - o, ex to - to cor - de,
to - to cor - de tu - o, tu - o, ex to - to cor -
cor - de tu - o, tu - o, ex to - to cor - de tu - o,
ex to - to cor - de tu - - o, ex to - to
- um tu - - um, ex to - to cor - de tu - o, ex to - to
tu - um, ex to - to cor - de tu - o, ex to - to cor - de tu -
- um, ex to - to cor - de tu - o, tu - o, ex
tu - um, ex to - to cor - de tu - o, ex to - to
tu - - um, ex to - to cor - de tu - o, ex to - to
tu - - -

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et in to - ta a - ni - ma tu - a, a - ni -
 - de tu - - o,
 ex to - to cor - de tu - o, et in to - ta a - ni -
 cor - de tu - - o, et in to - ta
 cor - de tu - - o, et in to - ta a - ni - ma
 to - to cor - de tu - - o, et in to - ta a - ni -
 - o, et in to - ta a - ni - ma tu - - a,

-ma tu - - a, et in to - ta men - te
 et in to - ta a - ni - ma tu - - a,
 -ma tu - a, a - ni - ma tu - - - a,
 a - ni - ma tu - - a, et in
 in to - ta a - ni - ma tu - - a, tu - - a,
 tu - a, tu - - - a, et in to -
 -ma, et in to - ta a - ni - ma tu - - a, et
 — et in to - ta men - te tu - - a,

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tu - a, men - te tu - a, in men - te tu - a:
et in men - te tu - a, tu - a:
et in to - ta men - te tu - a, tu - a:
to - ta men - te tu - a, in men - te tu - a:
et in to - ta men - te tu - a, tu - a:
ta men - te tu - a, in men - te tu - a:
in to - ta men - te tu - a, men - te tu - a:
et in to - ta men - te tu - a.

Di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um, tu - um,
Di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i - psum,
Di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i - psum, pro -
Di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um, di - - di - -
Di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um, di - li - ges
Di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i -
Di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i -

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di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i -
te i - psum, di - li - ges pro - xi - mum
- xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i - psum, te
- li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um, pro -
si - cut te i - psum, di - li - ges pro -
pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i - psum,
- psum, si - cut te i - psum, pro - xi - mum tu -
i - psum, pro - xi - mum tu - um si -

- psum, di - li - ges pro - xi - mum
tu - um si - cut te i - psum, di -
i - psum, di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i -
- xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i - psum, pro -
- xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i - psum, si - cut
- um si - cut te i - psum, di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu -
- cut te i - psum, pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut

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tu - um si - cut te i - psum, di - li - ges pro - xi - mum
 -li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i - psum di - li -
 -psum, pro - xi - mum tu - um si - cut te i - psum, si -
 -xi - mum si - cut te i - psum, pro - xi -
 si - cut te i - psum, di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um,
 pro - xi -
 -um si - cut te i - psum, si - cut te i - psum,
 te i - psum, di - li - ges pro - xi - mum tu - um

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God from thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Source: Thomas Tallis and William Byrd: *Cantiones, quæ ab argumento sacræ vocantur...* (London, 1575), no.25.
Text: Matthew 22: 37, 39

Heading in each partbook: *Duae partes in una rectè et retro* (Two parts in one forward and retrograde): each *secundus* part is the simple retrograde of the corresponding *primus*.

The retrograde part in each partbook has the peculiarity that its words are printed above the stave upside-down, although the notes are to be read the right way up, albeit from right to left. This method of printing was perhaps considered to pose less of a challenge to performers of the *secundus* parts than having the text printed backwards.

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