


Te Deum and Benedictus

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Te Deum

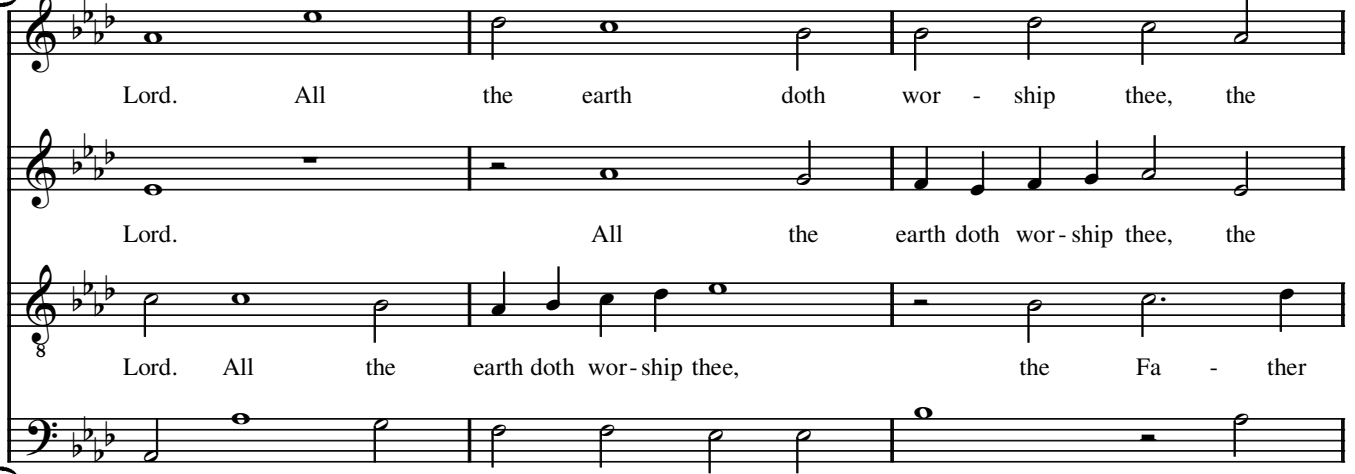
Mean  We praisethee, O _____ God:

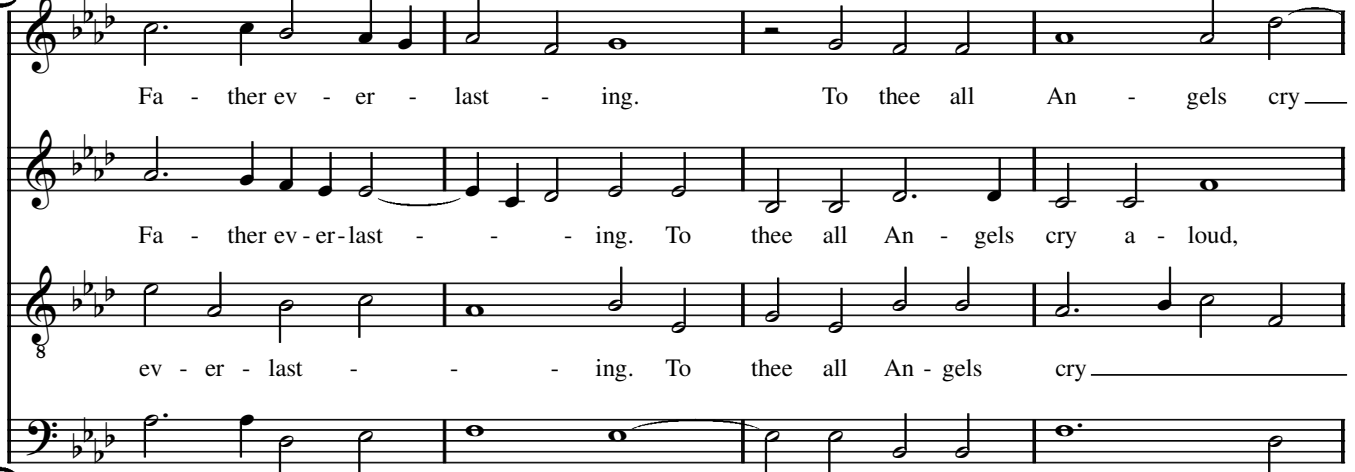
Mean  We knowledge thee to be _____ the _____

Countertenor  We know - ledge thee to be the _____

Tenor  We knowledge thee to be the _____

Bass  We knowledge thee to be the _____

4  Lord. All the earth doth wor - ship thee, the
Lord. All the earth doth wor - ship thee, the
Lord. All the earth doth wor - ship thee, the Fa - ther
Lord. All the earth doth wor - ship thee, the

7  Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing. To thee all An - gels cry _____
Fa - ther ev - er - last - - - ing. To thee all An - gels cry a - loud,
ev - er - last - - - ing. To thee all An - gels cry _____
Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing. _____ To thee all An - gels

11

— a - loud: the Heavens — and all the Powers there -
 the an - gels cry a - loud: the Heavens and
 a - loud: the Heavens and
 cry a - loud: the Heavens and all the Powers there -

14

- in, [the Heavens and all the Powers there - in.] To
 all [the] Powers there - in, [the Powers — there - in.]
 all the Powers there-in, *the Heavens and all the Powers there - in.*
 - in, and all [the Powers there - in.] To thee

17

thee Che - ru - bin and Se - ra - phin con - tin - u - al -
 To thee Che - ru - bin and Se - ra - phin —
 To thee Che - ru - bin and Se - ra - phin con - tin - u - al - ly do cry, *con -*
 Che - ru - bin and — Se - ra - phin con - tin - u - al - ly do

21

- ly do cry, do cry, do cry, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
 con - tin - u - al - ly do cry, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba -
 tin - u - al - ly do cry, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of
 cry, [con - tin - u - al - ly do cry,] Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

25

Ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth.
 oth, [Lord God of Sa - ba - oth,] of Sa - ba - oth.
 Sa - ba-oth, [of Sa - ba - oth.]
 Lord God of Sa - ba-oth, [of Sa - ba - oth.]

29

Heaven and earth are full of the ma -
 Heaven and earth are full of the ma - jes-ty
 Heaven and earth are full of the ma - jes-ty of thy
 Heaven and earth are full of the ma - jes-ty of thy Glo -

33

- jes - ty of thy — Glo - ry. The glo - ri - ous
of thy Glo - ry, thy Glo - ry. The glo - ri - ous com - pa -
Glo - ry, [of thy Glo - - ry.] The
- ry, [of thy Glo - - ry.] The glo - ri - ous com - pa - ny

37

com - pa - ny of — the A - pos - tles — praise — thee. The good -
- ny of the A - pos - tles praise — thee. The good - ly fel - low -
glo - ri - ous com - pa - ny of the A - pos - tles praise thee. The good - ly
of the A - pos - tles praise thee, [praise — thee.] The

41

- ly fel - low - ship of the Pro - phets praise — thee. The no - ble
- ship of the Pro - phets praise thee, praise — thee. The
fel - low - ship of the Pro - phets praise thee, *of the Pro - phets praise thee.*
good - ly fel - low - ship of the Pro - phets praise thee. The no - ble ar -

45

ar - my of Mar-tyrs praise _____ thee, praise _____ thee. _____

no - ble ar - my of Mar-tyrs praise _____ thee, praise _____ thee.

The no - ble ar - my of Mar - tyrs praise _ thee, praise _ thee.

- my of Mar-tyrs praise thee, [of Mar-tyrs praise _____ thee.]

50

The ho - ly Church through-out all _____ the world doth know - ledge _

The ho - ly Church through-out all _____ the world doth know - ledge thee;

The ho - ly Church through - out all the world doth know - ledge

The ho - ly Church through-out all _____ the world doth know - ledge

54

thee; The Fa - ther of an in - fi-nite Ma - jes -

The Fa - ther of an in - fi-nite Ma - jes - ty, *the Fa - ther of an*

thee; The Fa - ther of an in - fi-nite Ma - jes - ty, *the Fa - ther*

thee; The Fa - ther of an in - fi-nite Ma - jes - ty, the

58

- ty, [the Fa - ther of an in - fi - nite Ma - jes - ty;]
 in - fi - nite Ma - jes - ty, of an in - fi - nite Ma - jes - ty;
 of an in - fi - nite Ma - jes - ty, of an in - fi - nite Ma - jes - ty;
 [Fa - ther of an in - fi - nite Ma - jes - ty,] Ma - [jes - ty;]

62

Thy hon - our - a - ble, true and on - ly Son; Al - so the
 Thy hon - our - a - ble, true and on - ly Son; Al - so the Ho - ly
 Thy hon - our - a - ble, true and on - ly Son; Al - so the Ho - ly Ghost
 Thy hon - our - a - ble, true and on - ly Son; Al - so the Ho - ly Ghost the

67

Ho - ly Ghost the Com - fort - er, [al - so the Ho - ly
 Ghost the Com - fort - er, al - so the Ho - ly Ghost
 the Com - fort - er, al - so the Ho - ly Ghost the Com - fort -
 Com - fort - er, [al - so the Ho - ly Ghost the Com - fort - er,

71

Ghost the Com - fort - er.] Thou art the King of Glo - ry,
 the Com - fort - er. Thou art the King of Glo - ry,
 - er, the Com - fort - er. Thou art the King of Glo - ry,
 the Com - fort - er.] Thou art the King of Glo - ry,

75

O _____ Christ. Thou art the ev - er - last - ing Son
 O _____ Christ. Thou art the ev - er - last - ing Son of
 O _____ Christ. Thou art the ev - er - last - ing Son of the
 O Christ. Thou art the ev - er - last - ing _____ Son of

80

of the Fa - ther, of the Fa - - - - ther.
 the Fa - - - ther, [of the Fa - - - ther.]
 Fa - ther, of the Fa - ther, [the Fa - ther.] When _____
 the Fa - - - ther, [of the Fa - - - ther.] When thou

84

When thou took'st up - on thee to de - liv - er man, thou didst not ab - hor the

88

- er man, thou didst not ab - hor the Vir - gin's womb. When thou hadst ov - er - come the sharp - ness of death, thou didst o - pen the King - dom of

91

ou hadst ov - er - come the sharp - ness of death, thou didst o - pen the King - dom of Heaven to

94

o - pen the King - dom of Heaven to all be - liev - - - ers.
 Heaven to all be - liev - ers, to all be - liev - - - ers.
 King - dom of Heav - en to all be - liev - ers, *be - liev - - - ers.*
 all be - liev - ers, *to all be - liev - - - ers.*

98

Thou sitt'st on the right hand of God, in the Glo-ry of the Fa -
 Thou sitt'st on the right hand of God, in the Glo-ry of the Fa - ther, the
 Thou sitt'st on the right hand of God,
 Thou sitt'st on the right hand of God, in the

102

- ther, of the Fa - - - ther. We be - lieve that thou shalt come to
 Fa - ther. We be-lieve that thou shalt come to be our - judge,
 in the Glo-ry of the Fa - ther. We be - lieve that thou shalt come to be our
 Glo-ry of the Fa - - - ther. We be-lieve that thou shalt come to

118

blood. Make them to be num-b' redwith thy Saints in

blood. Make them to be num - b' red with thy Saints

blood. Make them to be num - b' red with thy Saints in glo - ry

blood. Make them to be num - b' red with thy Saints in glo - ry

122

glo - ry ev - er - last - ing, _____ in glo - ry

in glo - ry ev - er - last - ing, [in glo - ry

ev - er - last - ing, in glo - ry ev - er - last - - - ing, ev - er -

ev - er - last - ing, in glo - ry ev - er - last - ing,

126

ev - er - last - ing. O _____ Lord, save thy peo - ple and

ev - er - last - ing.] O Lord, save thy peo - ple and bless _____

- last - - - ing. O

ev - er - last - ing.

131

bless thine her - i - tage, O Lord, save thy
 — thine her - i - tage, O Lord, save thy peo - ple and
 Lord, save thy peo - ple and bless — thine her - i - tage,
 O Lord, save thy peo - ple, and bless thine

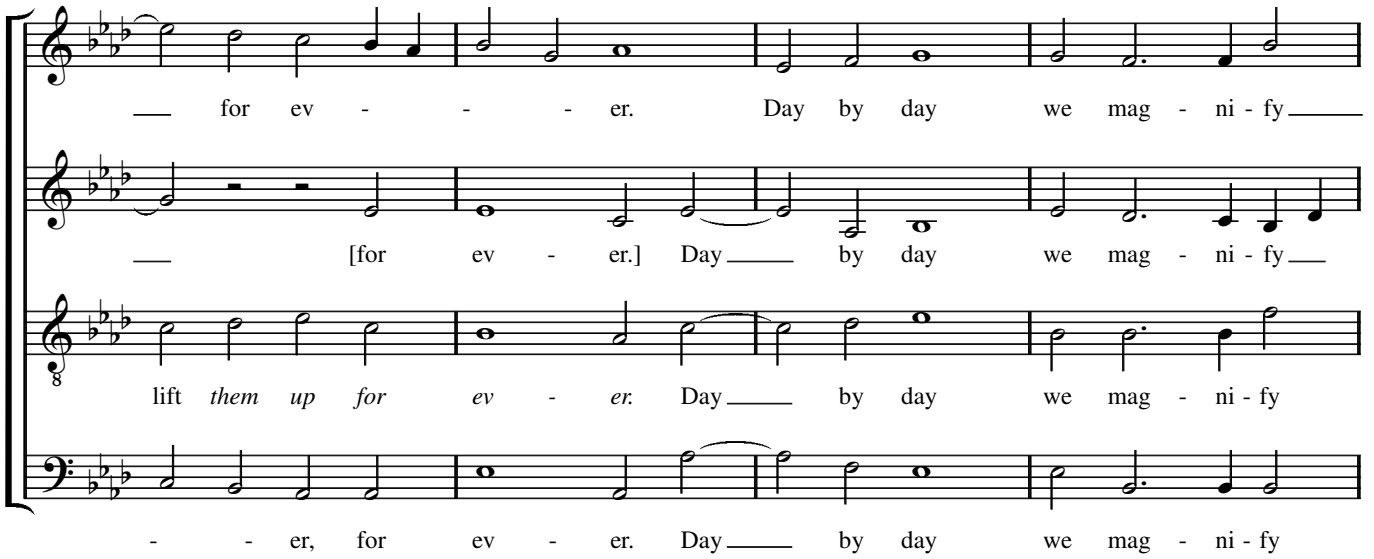
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peo - ple and bless thine her - i - tage.
 bless thine her - i - tage, and bless thine her - i - tage.
 O Lord, save thy peo - ple and bless thine — her - i - tage.
 her - i - tage, [and bless thine her - i - tage.]

137

Gov - ern them all, [gov - ern them — all,] and lift them up —
 Gov - ern them all, and lift them up for ev - er. —
 Gov - ern them all, and lift them up for ev - er, and
 Gov - ern them all, and lift them up for ev - - -

141



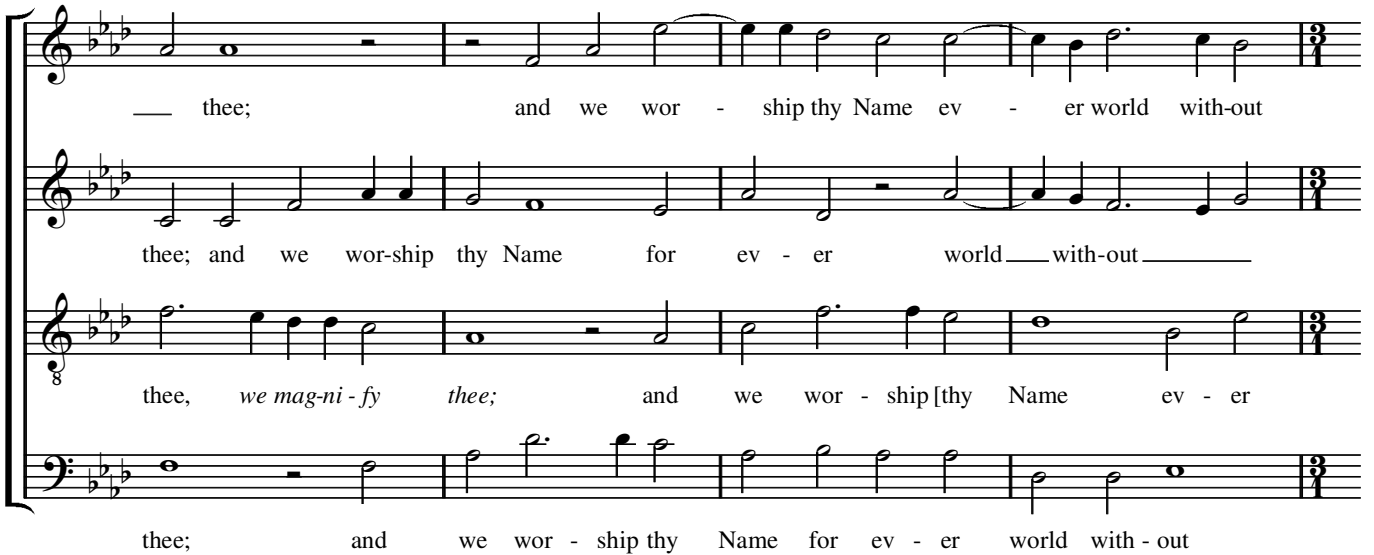
— for ev - er. Day by day we mag - ni - fy —

— [for ev - er.] Day by day we mag - ni - fy —

lift them up for ev - er. Day by day we mag - ni - fy

- er, for ev - er. Day by day we mag - ni - fy

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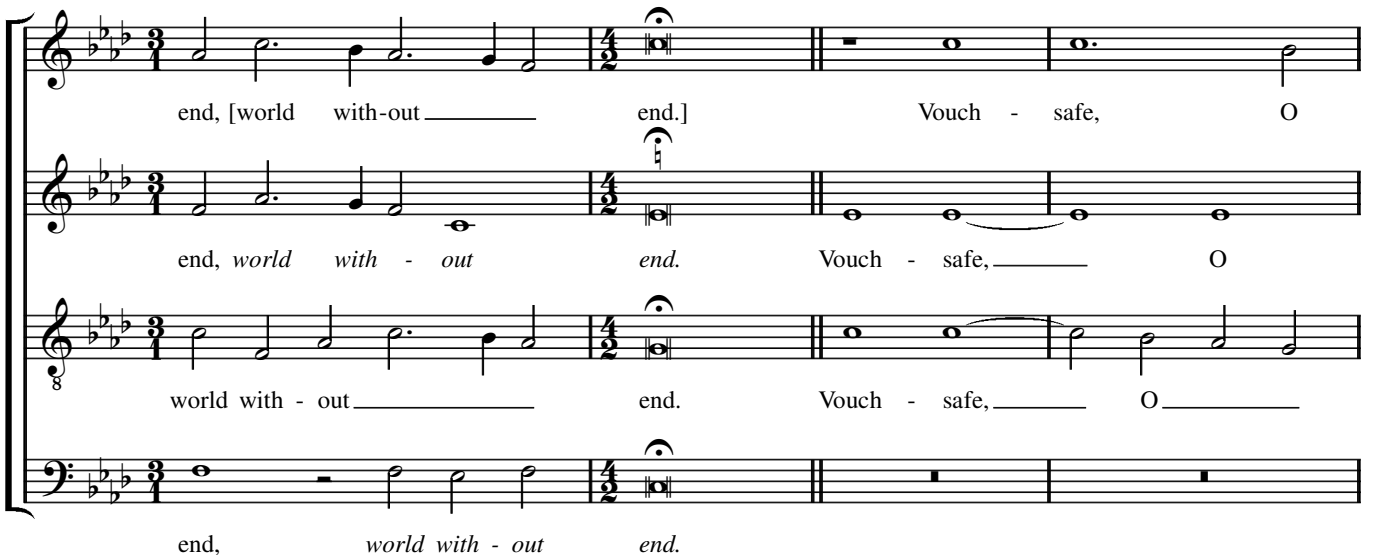
— thee; and we wor - ship thy Name ev - er world with-out

thee; and we wor-ship thy Name for ev - er world with-out

thee, we mag-ni - fy thee; and we wor - ship [thy Name ev - er

thee; and we wor - ship thy Name for ev - er world with - out

149



end, [world with-out end.] Vouch - safe, O

end, world with - out end. Vouch - safe, O

world with - out end. Vouch - safe, O

end, world with - out end.

153

Lord, to keep us this day with-out sin. O Lord, have mer -

Lord, to keep us this day with-out sin. O Lord, have

Lord, to] keep us this day with-out sin. O Lord, have mer -

O Lord, have

158

- cy up - on us, have mer - cy u - pon us. O Lord,

mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lord, let

- cy up - on us, have [mer - cy u - pon us. O Lord,

mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy u - pon us. O Lord,

163

let thy mer - cy light - en up - on us, as our trust is in thee, as our trust

thy mer - cy light - en up - on us, as our trust is in thee, as our trust is in thee,

let] thy mer - cy light-en up - on us, as our trust is in thee, as our trust

let thy mer - cy light - en up - on us, as our trust is in thee, as

168

— is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trust - ed, have —
 is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trust - - -
 is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trust - ed:
 our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trust - ed: let

172

— I trust - ed: let me nev-er be con - found - ed, let
 - ed: let me nev-er be con - found - - - ed, let me nev-er
 let me nev-er be con-found - ed, let me nev-er be con -
 me nev-er be con - found - ed, let me nev-er be con - found -

176

me nev-er be con - found - ed, be con-found - ed.
 be con - found - ed, let me nev-er be con-found - - - ed.
 - found - ed, let me nev-er be con - found - - - ed.
 - ed, let me nev-er be con - found - - - - ed.

Benedictus

Bles - sed be the Lord God of Is - - - ra - el, _____

Bles - sed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el,

Bles - sed be the Lord God of Is - ra - - - el, for he

Bles - sed be the Lord God of Is - ra - - el, for he hath

6

for he hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his _____

for he hath vis - it - ed and _____ re - deem - ed his peo - ple, his

hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his peo - ple, *and re-deem - ed his*

vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his peo - ple, [and re - deem - ed his

10

peo - ple, and _____ hath rais - ed up an horn of sal - va - ti - on un - to _____

peo - ple, and _____ hath rais - ed up an horn of sal - va - ti - on to us _____

peo - ple, and _____ hath rais - ed up an horn of sal - va - ti - on un - to us

peo - ple,] and _____ hath rais - ed up an horn of sal - va - ti - on un - to us in the

15

us in the house of his ser - vant Da -

in the house of his ser - vant Da - - -

in the house of his ser - vant Da - - - - -

house of his ser - vant Da - vid, Da - - -

18

- vid; As he spake by the mouth of his ho - ly

- vid; As he spake by the mouth

- vid; As he spake by the mouth of his ho - ly Pro -

- vid; As he spake by the mouth of his

21

Pro - phets, which have been since the world be -

of his ho - ly Pro - phets, which have been since the world be -

- phets, which have been since the world be -

ho - ly Pro - phets, which have been since the world be -

24

- gan; That we should be sav - ed from our en - e - mies, and from the

- gan; That we should be sav - ed from our en - e - mies, *our*

- gan; That we should be sav - ed from our en - e - mies, and

- gan; That we should be sav - ed from our en - e -

28

hands of all that hate__ us, *and from the hands of all__*

en - e - mies, and from the hands of all that

from the hands of all that hate__ us, [and from the hands of

- mies, and from the hands of all that hate us, [and from the

32

__ that hate__ us; To per - form the

hate us, that__ hate us; To per - form the

all that hate us;] To per - form the

hands] of all that hate__ us; To per - form the

36

mer - cy pro - mis-ed to our fa - thers, _____ and

mer - cy pro - mis-ed to our fa - thers, and to re-mem -

mer - cy pro - mis-ed to our fa - thers, and to re-mem - ber his

mer - cy pro - mis-ed to our fa - thers, _____ and to re-mem -

40

to re-mem - ber his ho - ly _____ Cove - nant; To per - form the__

- ber his ho - ly Cove - - - nant; To per - form the

ho - ly Cove-nant, *his ho - ly Cove - nant*; To per - form the oath which he

- ber his ho - ly _____ Cove - nant; To per - form the

44

oath which he sware to our fa - ther A - - bra - ham that

oath which he sware to our fa - ther A - - - bra -

sware to our fa - ther A - bra - ham that

oath which he sware to our fa - ther A - bra -

47

he would give us, that he would give us; That we
 - ham that he would give us, that he would give us;
 he would give us, that he would give us; That we be - ing de -
 - ham that he would give us, that he would give us; That

51

be - ing de - liv - er - ed out of the hands of our en - e - mies
 That we be - ing de - liv - er - ed out of the hands of our
 - liv - er - ed out of the hands of our en - e - mies
 we be - ing de - liv - er - ed out of the hands of our en - e -

55

might serve him with - out fear, might serve him with - out fear;
 en - e - mies might serve him with - out fear, with - out fear; In
 might serve him with - out fear, [might serve him with - out fear;] In
 - mies might serve him with - out fear, might serve him with - out fear;

59

In ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness be - fore him all the days
 ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness be - fore him, be - fore him
 ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness be - fore him all ___
 In ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness be - fore him all the days

63

of our life, all ___ the days of our ___ life. ___
 all the days of our ___ life, [all the days of our ___ life.]
 ___ the days of our life, [all the ___ days of our life.]
 of our life, [all the days of our ___ life.]

67

And ___ thou, child, shalt be call - ed the Pro - phet
 And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the Pro - phet of the
 And thou, child, shalt be call -
 And thou, child, shalt be

71

of the High - est, for thou shalt go be-fore the face of the
 High - est, for thou shalt go be - fore the face of _____ the Lord
 - ed the Pro - phet of the High - est, for thou shalt go be-fore the
 call - ed the Pro - phet of the High - est, for thou shalt go be -

75

Lord to pre - pare his _____ ways; To give know-ledge of sal -
 to pre - pare _____ his ways; To give know-ledge
 face of the Lord to pre-pare his ways; To give know - ledge of sal -
 - fore the face of the Lord to pre-pare his ways; To give know - ledge

79

- va - ti-on un - to his peo - ple for the re-mis-si-on of their sins, of _____
 of sal - va - ti - on un - to his peo - ple for the re - mis - si - on of _____
 - va - ti-on un - to his peo - ple for the re-mis-si-on, *for the re-mis-si-on* of
 of sal - va - ti - on un - to his peo - ple for the re-mis-si-on of

83

— *their sins*, Through the ten - der mer - cy of our God, where -

— their — sins, Through the ten - der mer - cy of our God, where - by the day -

their sins, Through — the ten - der mer - cy of our God, *our God*,

their sins, Through — the ten - der mer - cy of our God, where - by the day -

87

by the day - spring from an high hath vi - si - ted us; To give light to

- spring from an high hath vi - si - ted us; To give light to

where - by the day - spring from an high hath vi - si - ted us; To give

- spring from an — high hath vi - si - ted us; _____

91

them that sit in dark - ness, and in the sha-dow of death;

them that sit in dark - ness, *that sit in dark - ness*, and

light to them that sit in dark - ness, and in the sha-dow of

To give light to them that sit in dark - ness, and in the

95

and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace, _____
 in the sha-dow of death, [the sha - - - dow of death;]
 death; and to guide our feet in - to the way of _____
 sha-dow of death, of death; and to guide our

98

_____ and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
 and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace, [the way of peace.]
 peace, the way of peace, in - to the way of peace.
 feet in - to the way of peace, in - to the way of _____ peace.

102

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

106

and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it
to the Ho - ly Ghost, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
Ho - ly Ghost, the Ho - ly Ghost, the Ho - ly Ghost;
Ghost, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

110

was in the be - gin - ning [and is now], as it was in the be -
As it was in the be - gin - ning, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
As it was in the be - gin - ning, and is
As it was in the be - gin - ning, as it

114

- gin - ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, world
and is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end,
now, as it was in the be - gin - ning, and is now, and ev - er shall
was in the be - gin - ning, and is now, and

117

with - out end, world with - out end, and
 and ev - er shall be, world with - out end,
 be, world with - out end, and ev - er shall be, world
 ev - er shall be, world with - out end, and ev - er shall

120

ev - er shall be, world with - out end.
 and ev - er shall be, world with - out end.
 with - out end, world with - out end.
 be, world with - out end, world with - out end.

123

A - - - - - men.
 A - - - - - men.
 A - - - - - men.
 A - - - - - men.

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.

Editorial accidentals are placed above the notes concerned and remain operative throughout the bar. Accidentals not present individually in the source but implied by the original staff signatures are placed before the note and have a superscript dot.

Ligatures are denoted by the sign $\overline{\quad}$.

Spelling of the text has been modernised.

Text repetition signs in the underlay have been expanded editorially in italics. Many of these signs are omitted in the source, particularly in the *Te Deum*. In such instances the underlay is supplied between square brackets.

Source

London, British Library, Add. MSS 30480–4 (c.1570–c.1590).

30480	(Ct1)	Te Deum	f.4	at beginning:	Te Deum
		Benedictus	f.11 ^v	at beginning:	Persley's Benedictus [later hand]
30481	(Ct2)	Te Deum	f.5	at end:	[no attribution]
		Benedictus	f.12 ^v	at beginning:	Persley's Bene ^s [later hand]
				at end:	parslye
30482	(T)	Te Deum	f.2	at end:	parcele
		Benedictus	f.9 ^v	at beginning:	Persley's Benedictus [later hand]
				at end:	parselye
30483	(B)	Te Deum	f.5	at end:	[no attribution]
		Benedictus	f.12 ^v	at beginning:	Persley's [later hand]
				at end:	parselye
30484	—	—			

Notes on the Readings of the Source

In the source the notation is matched approximately to the text, but there is little attempt to show the precise alignment of syllables and notes. In this edition the many ambiguities have been resolved tacitly. A few instances of extreme dislocation have been clarified by hairlines connecting syllables to specific notes. The underlay occasionally hints that the placing of syllables anacrusically on crotchets was not expected, but attempts to follow this practice consistently are unsatisfactory and, although Parsley's underlay is hardly elegant, it seems unlikely that these indications accord with his intentions.

In the notes below, each reference to a bar or group of bars is separated by an oblique stroke. Within these references multiple readings in the same voice are separated by commas and readings in different voices by semicolons. The order within each entry is: 1) bar number(s); 2) voice; 3) reading of the source. For extended references subsequent bar numbers are in brackets. Pitches are in capital letters, preceded by a number where necessary, e.g. ¹D = first note D in the bar. Note values are abbreviated in italics, e.g. *dot-sb* = dotted semibreve. The sign + denotes a tie.

Staff Signatures and Accidentals

Te Deum

Incipit: the lower flat in the staff signature, which is dropped after the first staff, may arguably indicate that the Es and D (at the pitch of the edition) are not to be sharpened / 5 M new line begins with C, original staff signature \flat for upper B only / 12 B \flat for D / 16 B \flat for D / 76 M # for G / 92 M D implied \natural / 121 B \flat for ¹D /

Benedictus

23 M \flat for D / 84 B \flat for D / 87 B \flat for D /

Underlay

Te Deum

51–52 M no tie, *-out all* below EE / 84 T *tookest* below BF, (85) ²G is *crG crG, upon thee* below GGG / 85 Ct *tookest* below EC, (85–87) *upon thee to de-* all one note later, (87) ²E is *cr cr* with underlay *-liver* / 113 B slur for BF, slur for DE / 114 B slur for ³ED / 124 T slur for FB (only) / 135 M *thine own inhe-* below AGFF / 147–153 T underlay lost through damage to page / 148 M underlay of *without* clarified by hairlines /

Benedictus

19–20 Ct underlay of *As he* clarified by hairlines / 28–29 M *that hate* one note later / 45–46 Ct *fathers* for *father* / 76 M hairline from *his* to A / 111 Ct three hairlines connecting *and is now* to GFE respectively /

Other Readings

Te Deum

Incipit: ³E is corrected *cr* / 5 M C is corrected *m* / 18 T ²E is corrected *cr* / 21 M B is C / 26 M A is corrected *cr* / 32 T *mE* is F / 39 M ¹B is *mB crB* / 47–48 M no tie for A+A / 48 T D is *sb* / 71 M *mC* deleted before D / 87 Ct ²E is *crE crE* / 88 M *mA* and (extra) *thou* deleted before ¹A / 102 Ct E is *mE mE* / 104 Ct ²D is corrected *cr* / 115 T E is *dot-sb* / 118 B D is *dot-sb* / 138 Ct *sb-rest* omitted, (140) *cr cr* are *m m*, (143) A is *sb* / 144 M ³F omitted / 149 Ct *sb-rest* after ¹F, AG are *m m*, *sbC* is a *divisi b* below C in 150 / 150 M *bE* deleted below C / 159 T direct C at end of line after G, (159–163) small notes omitted, (163) new line begins with ²B / 160 Ct E is *sbE mE*, *sb* deleted (wrong E deleted) / 161 Ct ³C omitted /

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18 Ct F is *sb*, (19) *sb-rest* is *m-rest* / 33 B D omitted / 50 T *sbC* for *mC mC* / 59 Ct ²E is D / 61 M *mB* after A / 62 T *m-rest* entered twice; B F is *sb* / 63 Ct *m-rest* entered twice / 87 Ct A is corrected *m* / 87 T *crF crF* are GG / 94 T ²A is G / 95 Ct ²B is C / 96 M A is G / 99 M ²B is A / 100 B ²A is B /