

ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

SECOND EVENING SERVICE

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WILLIAM BYRD
(1543-1623)

MAGNIFICAT

Medius

Contratenor I

Contratenor II

Tenor

Bass

Organ

Verse

My

6

Full

spirit re

And my sp'rit re - joic - - eth in God my

Full

soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord, And my sp'rit re - joic - - eth in God my

Full

And my sp'rit re - joic - - eth in God my

Full

And my sp'rit re - joic - - eth in God my

Full

And my sp'rit re - joic - - eth in God my

Full

12

Sa - vi - our. For he hath re - gard - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid-en; For -

Sa - vi - our. For he hath re - gard - - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid-en; For -

Sa - vi - our. For he hath re - gard - - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid-en: For -

Sa - vi - our. For he hath re - gard - - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid-en: For -

Sa - vi - our. For he hath re - gard - - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid-en: For -

Sa - vi - our. For he hath re - gard - - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid-en: For -

Sa - vi - our. For he hath re - gard - - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid-en: For -

Sa - vi - our. For he hath re - gard - - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid-en: For -

18

— be - hold from hence - forth all ge - ne - ra - ti - ons shall call me bless - ed.

— be - hold from hence - - forth all ge - ne - ra - - ti - ons shall call me bless - - ed.

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23

For he that is migh-ty hath mag - ni-fied me; and ho - ly is his Name. And his
 For he that is migh-ty hath mag - ni-fied me; and ho - ly is his Name. And his
 For he that is migh-ty hath mag - ni-fied me; and ho - ly is his Name. And his
 For he that is migh-ty hath mag - ni-fied me; and ho - ly is his Name. And his

For he that is migh-ty hath mag - ni-fied me; and ho - ly is his Name. And his

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mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all ge - ne - ra - - ti-ons. He
 mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all ge - ne - ra - - ti - - ons.
 mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all ge - ne - ra - - ti-ons.
 mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all ge - ne - ra - - ti - - ons.

mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all ge - ne - ra - - ti - - ons.

34

— hath shew - ed strength with his arm; he hath scatter - ed the proud in
 He hath shew - ed strength with his arm; he _____ hath scatter-ed the proud
 He hath shew - ed strength with his arm; he _____ hath scatter-ed the proud
 He hath shew - ed strength with his arm; he _____ hath scatter-ed the proud

He hath shew - ed strength with his arm; he _____ hath scatter-ed the proud

The score consists of four staves of music in G major. The first three staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C'), while the fourth staff begins in common time and then changes to 8th note time (indicated by an '8'). The lyrics are placed below each staff.

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the i-ma-gi-na - ti-on of their hearts, in the i - ma-gi-na - ti-on of their _____
 in the i-ma-gi - na - ti-on of their hearts, in the____ i-ma-gin-a - ti - on of their_____
 in the i-ma-gi - na - ti-on of their hearts, in the____ i-ma-gin-a - ti - on of their_____
 in the i-ma-gi - na - ti-on of their hearts, in the____ i-ma-gin-a - ti - on of their_____

in the i-ma-gi - na - ti-on of their hearts, in the____ i-ma-gin-a - ti - on of their_____

The score consists of five staves of music in G major. The first four staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C'), while the fifth staff begins in common time and then changes to 8th note time (indicated by an '8'). The lyrics are placed below each staff.

43

hearts.

hearts.

hearts.

hearts.

Verse

He hath put down the migh - ty from their seat,
hearts.

hearts.

hearts.

Verse

49

The musical score consists of five staves. The top three staves are soprano voices in treble clef, each with a key signature of one sharp. The fourth staff is a basso continuo part in bass clef, also with one sharp. The fifth staff is a basso continuo part in bass clef, with no sharps or flats. The vocal parts sing a hymn tune, while the continuo parts provide harmonic support. The lyrics begin with "and hath ex - alt - - - ed the hum-ble and meek". The basso continuo part at the bottom features a prominent eighth-note pattern.

60

Verse

-mem - b'ring his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el,
As he pro - mis-ed

-mem-b'ring his mer - cy hath hol-pen his ser-vant Is - ra - el,

-mem - b'ring his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser-vant Is - ra - el,

-mem - b'ring his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser-vant Is - ra - el,

-mem - b'ring his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser-vant Is - ra - el,

76

A musical score for "Gloria" in G major, featuring five staves of music with lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

-gin-ning, and is ____ now, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall
-gin-ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall
-gin-ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall
-gin-ning, and is ____ now, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall
-gin-ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall

80

A musical score for "Amen" featuring five staves of music. The music is in common time and consists of five measures per staff. The lyrics are as follows:

be world with - out _____ end. A - - - men. A - - - men.

be world with - out _____ end. A - - - - - men.

be world with-out end. A - men. A - - - - - men.

be world with - out _____ end. A - - - - - men.

be world with - out _____ end. A - - - - - men.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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Medius

Contratenor I Verse
Lord, now let - test thou

Contratenor II

Tenor

Bass

Organ

7

Full
ac - cord - ing to thy word. For mine eyes have

Full
thy ser - - vant de-part in peace ac - cord - ing to thy word. For mine eyes

Full
ac - cord - ing to thy word. For mine

Full
ac - cord - ing to thy word. For mine

Full
ac - cord - ing to thy word. For mine

Full
ac - cord - ing to thy word. For mine

Organ accompaniment

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seen thy sal - va - ti - on, which thou hast pre - par - ed be - fore the face of all
 have seen thy sal - va - ti - on, which thou hast pre - par - ed be - fore the face of all
 eyes have seen thy sal - va - ti - on, which thou hast pre-par - ed be - fore the the
 eyes have seen thy sal - va - ti - on, which thou hast pre - par - ed be - fore the face of all
 eyes have seen thy sal - va - ti - on, which thou hast pre - par - ed be - fore the face of all

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Verse Decani

peo - - ple, of all peo - - - ple; To be a light to light-

Verse Cantoris

peo - - ple, of all peo - - - ple; To be a light to light-

Verse Decani

— all peo - - ple, of all peo - - - ple; To be a light to light -

face of all peo - - ple, all peo - - - ple;

Verse Cantoris

peo - - ple, be - fore the face of all peo - - - ple. To be a light to light -

peo - - ple, be - fore the face of all peo - - - ple.

Verse

24

- en the Gen-tiles, and to be the glo - ry of thy_ peo- ple Is - ra - el.
- en the Gen-tiles, and to be the glo - - ry of thy_ peo - ple Is - ra - el.
-en the Gen-tiles, and to be ____ the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.
-en the Gen-tiles, and to be the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Bass staff:

-en the Gen-tiles, and to be the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

30 Full

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
Full
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
Full
Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
Full
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
Full
Glo - ry be to the Fa - - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
Full
Glo - ry be to the Fa - - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
Full

35

gin-ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be world with-out end. A - - -

gin - ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be world with-out end, A - - -

gin - ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be world with-out end. A - - -

gin - ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end, A - - -

-gin - ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end, A - - -

-gin - ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end, A - - -

-gin - ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end, A - - -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Sources:

John Barnard: The First Book of Selected Church Music (London: Griffin, 1641)

Oxford, Christ Church: MSS 1220 – 1224 (AD, TD, TC, BD, TC)

Cambridge, MS Ely 4 (Organ)

Oxford, Bodleian: MS Tenbury 791 (Organ)

Other sources and scholarly editions were also consulted.

The music is presented in original note values, up a tone.

The two Organ sources are incompatible in the Verse sections, where they provide additional material to the voices. Ely has been favoured.

10: The rhythm in the ossia is taken from MS Ely 28, a mid-17th-century Tenor book.

63: This Verse is traditionally sung by a young chorister, often as their ‘debut’ solo. The tune is the *Tonus Peregrinus*. The organ part in this Verse section is an editorial mix of elements from both the Tenbury book and the Ely book.

NUNC DIMITTIS

22, Tenor: Originally, this solo was for the Cantoris Contratenor.

26: The Contratenor and Tenor can exchange notes here, if the Contratenor is willing to relinquish them.

38: The crotchet C has been added as a likely ornament, following the Contratenor II part.

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