



A 400TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

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The Choir of The Queen's College, Oxford
Owen Rees director
Nicholas Mulroy tenor
Toby Carr lute

PROGRAMME

William Byrd (1543 - 1623)

Sing Joyfully

Anon.

Ye Sacred Muses

Anon.

from Mass for Four Voices

I. Kyrie II. Gloria Liturgical

La Verginella

Ludovico Ariosto (1474 – 1533)

Ave verum corpus

Liturgical

from Mass for Four Voices

Liturgical

III. Sanctus
IV. Benedictus

Roderick Williams

(b.1965)

Ave verum corpus re-imagined

Liturgical

William Byrd

Though Amaryllis Dance in Green

Anon.

from Mass for Four Voices

Liturgical

V. Agnus Dei

Laudibus in sanctis

Liturgical

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TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

SING JOYFULLY

Byrd / Liturgical

Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob!
Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol.
Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.
For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

YE SACRED MUSES

Byrd / Anon.

Ye sacred Muses, race of Jove, whom Music's lore delighteth,
Come down from crystal heav'ns above to earth where sorrow dwelleth,
In mourning weeds, with tears in eyes:
Tallis is dead, and Music dies.

KYRIE

Byrd / Liturgical

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. English Translation © Anon.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Byrd / Liturgical

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedícimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus, lesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. English Translation © Anon.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LA VERGINELLA

Byrd / Ariosto

La verginella è simile alla rosa, ch'in bel giardin su la nativa spina mentre sola e sicura si riposa, né gregge né pastor se le avicina; l'aura soave e l'alba rugiadosa, l'acqua, la terra al suo favor s'inchina: gioveni vaghi e donne inamorate amano averne e seni e tempie ornate.

THE VIRGIN

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The virgin has her image in the rose sheltered in garden on its native stock, which there in solitude and safe repose, blooms unapproached by shepherd or by flock: for this earth teems, and freshening water flows, and breeze and dewy dawn their sweets unlock: with such the wistful youth his bosom dresses with such the enamoured damsel braids her tresses.

AVE VERUM CORPUS

Byrd / Liturgical

Ave, verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

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Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man:
From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
O sweet, O merciful,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy on me. Amen.

SANCTUS

Byrd / Liturgical

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth!
Pleni suni coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

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Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

BENEDICTUS

Byrd / Liturgical

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis. English Translation © Anon.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AVE VERUM CORPUS RE-IMAGINED

Williams / Liturgical

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THOUGH AMARYLLIS DANCE IN GREEN

Byrd / Anon.

Though Amaryllis dance in green
Like Fairy Queen,
And sing full clear;
Corinna can, with smiling cheer.
Yet since their eyes make heart so sore,
Hey ho! 'chil love no more.

My sheep are lost for want of food And I so wood That all the day I sit and watch a herd-maid gay; Who laughs to see me sigh so sore, Hey ho! 'chil love no more.

Her loving looks, her beauty bright, Is such delight!
That all in vain
I love to like, and lose my gain
For her, that thanks me not therefore.
Hey ho! 'chil love no more.

Ah wanton eyes! My friendly foes
And cause of woes;
Your sweet desire
Breeds flames of ice, and freeze in fire!
Ye scorn to see me weep so sore!
Hey ho! 'chil love no more.

Love ye who list, I force him not: Since God is wot, The more I wail, The less my sighs and tears prevail. What shall I do? but say therefore, Hey ho! 'chil love no more.

AGNUS DEI

Byrd / Liturgical

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. English Translation © Anon.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them eternal rest.

LAUDIBUS IN SANCTIS

Byrd / Liturgical

Laudibus in sanctis Dominum celebrate supremum:
Firmamenta sonent inclita facta Dei.
Inclita facta Dei cantate, sacraque potentis
Voce potestatem saepe sonate manus.

Magnificum Domini cantet tuba martia nomen: Pieria Domino concelebrate lira. Laude Dei resonent resonantia tympana summi, Alta sacri resonent organa laude Dei.

Hunc arguta canant tenui
psalteria corda,
Hunc agili laudet laeta chorea pede.
Concava divinas effundant
cymbala laudes,
Cymbala dulcisona
laude repleta Dei.
Omne quod aethereis
in mundo vescitur auris
Halleluya canat tempus in omne Deo.

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Celebrate the Lord
most high in holy praises:
Let the firmament echo
the glorious deeds of God.
Sing ye the glorious deeds of God,
and with holy voice
Sound forth oft the power
of his mighty hand.

Let the warlike trumpet sing
the great name of the Lord:
Celebrate the Lord with Pierian lyre.
Let resounding timbrels
ring to the praise of the most-high God,
Lofty organs peal to the praise
of the holy God.

Him let melodious psalteries sing with fine string,
Him let joyful dance praise with nimble foot.
Let hollow cymbals pour forth divine praises,
Sweet-sounding cymbals filled with the praise of God.
Let everything in the world that feeds upon the air of heaven
Sing Halleluia to God for evermore.

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