

Tudor Church Music

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MOTET FOR FOUR VOICES

By WILLIAM BYRD

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TREBLE. *p*  
A - - ve ve - rum cor - - - pus,  
Hail, O hail true bo - - - dy,

ALTO. *p*  
A - - ve ve - rum cor - - - pus,  
Hail, O hail true bo - - - dy,

TENOR. *p*  
A - - ve ve - rum cor - - - pus,  
Hail, O hail true bo - - - dy,

BASS. *p*  
A - - ve ve - rum cor - - - pus,  
Hail, O hail true bo - - - dy,

*♩ = about 72.*

For practice only.

*cresc. f dim.*  
na - tum de Ma - ri - - a Vir - gi - ne; ve - re  
Spot - less vir - gin's vir - - - gin birth; Thou who

*cresc. f dim.*  
na - tum de Ma - ri - - a Vir - gi - ne; ve - re  
Spot - less vir - gin's spot - less vir - gin birth; Thou who

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na - tum de Ma - ri - - a Vir - gi - ne; ve - re  
Spot - less vir - gin's vir - - - gin birth; Thou who

*cresc. f dim.*  
na - tum de Ma - ri - a Vir - - gi - ne; ve - re  
Spot - less vir - gin's vir - - - gin birth; Thou who

*p* *cresc.*  
 pas - - sum im - mo - la - tum in cru -  
 tru - - ly hang - edst weu - ry on the

*p* *cresc.*  
 pas - - sum im - - mo - la - - - tum in  
 tru - - ly hang - edst weu - - - ry up -

*p* *cresc.*  
 pas - - sum im - mo - la - - tum in cru - - ce  
 tru - - ly hang - edst weu - - - ry up - on the

*p* *cresc.*  
 pas - - sum im - mo - la - tum in cru -  
 tru - - ly hang - edst weu - ry up - on

*dim.* *p* *mf*  
 - ce pro ho - mi - ne; cu - jus la - tus  
 cross for sons of earth; Thou whose sa - cred

*dim.* *p* *mf*  
 cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne; cu - jus la - tus  
 on the cru - el cross; Thou whose sa - cred

*dim.* *p* *mf*  
 pro ho - mi - ne; cu - jus la - tus  
 cru - el cross; Thou whose sa - cred

*dim.* *p* *mf*  
 - ce pro ho - mi - ne; cu - jus la - tus  
 the cru - el cross; Thou whose sa - cred

per - fo - ra - tum un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne,  
side was ri - ven, whence the stream of wa - ter and

per - fo - ra - tum un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne,  
side was ri - ven, whence the stream of wa - ter and

per - fo - ra - tum un - da flu - xit  
side was ri - ven, whence the stream of

per - fo - ra - tum un - da flu - xit  
side was ri - ven, whence the stream

san - gui - ne; es - to no - bis prae - gu -  
blood did flow; O may'st thou, dear Lord be

san - gui - ne; es - to no - bis prae - gu -  
blood did flow; O may'st thou, dear Lord be

san - gui - ne; es - to no - bis prae - gu -  
blood did flow; O may'st thou, dear Lord be

- xit san - gui - ne; es - to no - bis prae - gu -  
of blood did flow; O may'st thou, dear Lord be

- sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O dul - cis,  
 giv - en at death's hour to be my food. O ten - der,

- sta - tum in mor - tis, in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O dul -  
 giv - en at death's hour, at death's hour to be my food. O ten -

- sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O dul -  
 giv - en at death's hour to be my food. O ten -

- sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - tum - mi - ne. O dul -  
 giv - en at death's hour to be my food. O ten -

*p* *mf* *p* *p*

O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri -  
 O lov - ing, O Je - su Son of Ma -

- cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri -  
 - der, O lov - ing, O Je - su Son of Ma -

- cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri -  
 - der, O lov - ing, O Je - su Son of Ma -

- cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri -  
 - der, O lov - ing, O Je - su Son of Ma -

*mf* *f* *dim.* *f* *dim.* *f* *dim.*

*p*  
 - - ae; mi-se-re-re me - i,  
 - - ry; show on me Thy mer - cy,  
*p*  
 - - ae; mi-se-re-re me - i, mi-se-re-re, mi-se-re-re  
 - - ry; show on me Thy mer - cy, show Thy mer-cy, show on me Thy  
*p*  
 - - ae; mi-se-re-re me - i, mi-se-re-re me -  
 - - ry; show on me Thy mer - cy, show on me Thy mer-  
*p*  
 - - ae; mi-se-re-re me - i, mi-se-re-re  
 - - ry; show on me Thy mer - cy, show on me Thy

*dim.* *pp* *mf*  
 mi-se-re-re me - i, me - - - - - i. O  
 show on me Thy mer - cy, mer - - - - - cy. O  
*dim.* *pp*  
 me - i, mi - se - re - re me - - - - - i.  
 mer - cy, show on me Thy mer - - - - - cy.  
*dim.* *pp*  
 - - i, me - - i, mi - se-re - re me - - i.  
 - - cy, mer - - cy, show on me Thy mer - - cy.  
*dim.* *pp*  
 me - i, mi - se-re - re me - - - - - i.  
 mer - cy, show on me Thy mer - - - - - cy.  
*dim.* *pp* *mf*

dul - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - -  
 ten - der, O lov - ing, O ho - ly Je - -  
 O dul - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li  
 O ten - der, O lov - ing, O ho - ly, ho - ly  
 O dul - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su  
 O ten - der, O lov - ing, O ho - ly  
 O dul - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li  
 O ten - der, O lov - ing, O ho - ly Je - su

- li Ma - ri - - - ae; mi - se -  
 - - su, Son of Ma - ry; show Thy  
 Ma - ri - - - ae; mi - se - re - re me - i,  
 Je - - - su; show Thy mer - cy on me,  
 Fi - li Ma - ri - - - ae; mi - se - re - re me - i,  
 Je - - - su; show Thy mer - cy on me,  
 Ma - ri - - - ae; mi - se - re - re  
 Son of Ma - ry; show Thy mer - cy

- re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re me - -  
*mer - cy on me, show Thy mer - cy on*

mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re  
*show Thy mer - cy, show Thy mer - cy on me. show Thy mer - cy*

mi - se - re - re me - - - i, me - - - i,  
*show Thy mer - cy on me, on me,*

me - i, mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - - se - re -  
*on me, show Thy mer - cy on me, show Thy mer -*

*dim. p rall. pp*  
 - i, me - - - - i A - - - - men.  
*me, on me. A - - - - men.*

*dim. p rall. pp*  
 me - - - - i. A - - - - men.  
*on me. A - - - - men.*

*dim. p rall. pp*  
 mi - se - re - re me - - i. A - - - - men.  
*show Thy mer - cy on me. A - - - - men.*

*dim. p rall. pp*  
 - re me - - - - i. A - - - - men.  
*- cy on me. A - - - - men.*