

Beata viscera

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius [Soprano] Ma - ri - æ

Medius [Alto] Be - a - ta vi - sce - ra Ma - ri - æ Vir - gi - nis, Ma - ri - æ

Contratenor [Tenor] Be - a - ta vi - sce -

Tenor [Tenor] Be - a - ta vi - sce - ra Ma - ri - æ

Bassus [Bass] Be - a - ta vi -

Vir - gi - nis, be - a - ta vi - sce - ra Ma - ri - æ Vir - gi -

Vir - gi - nis, Ma - ri - æ Vir - gi - nis, Ma - ri - æ Vir - gi - nis,

-ra Ma - ri - æ Vir - gi - nis, be - a - ta vi - sce -

Vir - gi - nis, Ma - ri - æ Vir - gi - nis, quæ

- sce - ra Ma - ri - æ Vir - gi - nis,

- nis, quæ por - ta - ve - runt, æ - ter - ni Pa -

quæ por - ta - ve - runt, æ - ter - ni Pa - tris

-ra quæ por - ta - ve - runt, quæ por - ta -

por - ta - ve - runt, æ - ter - ni Pa - tris Fi - li - um, quæ

quæ por - ta - ve - runt, quæ por - ta - ve - runt

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- tris Fi - li - um, æ - ter - ni Pa - tris, æ -
 Fi - li - um, Pa - tris Fi - li -
 -ve - runt æ - ter - ni Pa - tris Fi - li - um, Pa - tris
 por-ta-ve - runt æ - ter - ni Pa - tris Fi - li - um,
 æ - ter - ni Pa - tris Fi - li - um, æ - ter - ni Pa - tris

- ter - ni Pa - tris Fi - li - um, Pa - tris Fi - li - um.
 - um, æ - ter - ni Pa - tris Fi - li - um, Fi - li - um.
 Fi - li - um, æ - ter - ni Pa - tris Fi - li - um.
 æ - ter - ni Pa - tris Fi - li - um, Fi - li - um.
 Fi - li - um, Pa - tris Fi - li - um.

Al - le - lu - ia.
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Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father, alleluia.

Source: William Byrd: *Gradualia, ac cantiones sacræ... Liber primus* (2nd edition, 1610), vol.1 no.11.

Text (Versus): Psalm 44: 2

Liturgical function: Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin from the Purification to Advent:

Introit: Salve sancta parens - (Alleluia in Paschal Time) - Eructavit - Gloria Patri
 Gradual: Benedicta et venerabilis - Virgo Dei genitrix - (Alleluia before Septuagesima)
Communion: **Beata viscera - (Alleluia in Paschal Time)**

from the Purification to Easter:
 Alleluia (before Septuagesima): Virga Jesse - Alleluia
 Tract (after Septuagesima): Gaude Maria Virgo
 Offertory: Felix namque es

in Paschal Time:
 Alleluia (replacing Gradual): Alleluia - Ave Maria - Alleluia - Virga Jesse - Alleluia
 Offertory: Beata es Virgo Maria - Alleluia

from Pentecost to Advent:
 Alleluia: Post partum - Alleluia
 Offertory: Ave Maria

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin (8th September), Mass:

Introit: Salve sancta parens - Eructavit - Gloria Patri
 Gradual: Benedicta et venerabilis - Virgo Dei genitrix - Alleluia
 Alleluia: Felix es sacra Virgo
 Offertory: Beata es Virgo Maria
Communion: **Beata viscera**

III.30-31: *Al* *le lu lu*

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