

NOTES

The following transcription is intended only for performing purpose and doesn't seek any critical goal.

The key, time signatures, note values, and accidentals are as in the original print, apart from:

- The B sharp are converted in B natural (B natural is only a warning: do not flat this note!)

The C clefs are transposed in G and modern Tenor clefs.

Instead of marking the “ligaturae” with the usual square brackets, I tried to keep their original shape, as far as possible in the score alignment, to make them more visible (the notes' values of the “ligatura” in this composition is a couple of semibreves).

In the music before the baroque, the Time Signatures are intended just only as “time” prescription, i.e. which note value as to be counted (mensura) and how the different note values are to be divided (perfection and imperfection). This music is above all a vocal music and its rhythm (the accents) is based upon the text rhythm (the text accents) either following or contrasting it. The text rhythm being not modular by definition, forcing a bar division, i. e. a modular rhythm, upon this music is a theoretical error involving practical ones: to put the accents in the wrong places and to prevent a correct understanding of the melodic flowing.

The single parts are put together in score for a better overall sight of the harmonic, melodic and rhythmic structure of the composition.

If you have any doubt you can download free the fac-simile of the original print from the following address:

http://www.kb.dk/da/nb/samling/ma/digmus/pre1700_indices/praetorius.html

Agnus

A- gnus De- i, qui tol - lis pec-ca- ta mun - di,
A- gnus De- i qui tol - lis pec- ca- ta pec- ca- ta mun - di
A- gnus De- i, qui tol - lis pec-ca- ta mun - di,
A- gnus De- i qui tol - lis pec- ca- ta mun- di,
A- gnus De- i mi-se- re- re
A- gnus De- i mi-se- re- re
A- gnus De- i mi-se- re- re
A- gnus De- i, mi-se- re- re

mi-se- re- re no- bis, A- gnus De- i
mi-se- re- re no- bis. A- gnus De- i
mi-se- re- re no- bis: A- gnus De- i,
mi-se- re- re no- bis. A- gnus De- i
no- bis: A- gnus De- i, qui tol - lis pec- ca- ta mun-
no- bis a- gnus De - i qui tol- lis pec- ca- ta mun
no- bis: A- gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pecca- ta mun- di pec- ca- ta
no- bis. A- gnus De- i qui tol - lis pec- ca- ta mun-

mi-se-re-re no-bis mi-se-re-re no-bis A-gnus De-i, qui
 mi-se-re-re no-bis mi-se-re-re no-bis A-gnus De-i
 mi-se-re-re no-bis mi-se-re-re no-bis A-gnus De-i, qui
 mi-se-re-re no-bis mi-se-re-re no-bis: A-gnus De-i qui
 - di, mi-se-re-re no-bis: A-gnus De-i
 - di, mi-se-re-re no-bis: A-gnus De-i
 mun-di, mi-se-re-re no-bis: A-gnus De-i
 - di, mi-se-re-re no-bis. A-gnus De-i

tol-lis qui tol - - lis pec-ca-ta mun-di do-na
 qui tol - - lis pec-ca-ta mun-di, do-na
 tol - lis pec-ca-ta pec-ca-ta mun-di, do-na
 tol - - lis pec-ca-ta mun-di, do-na

do-na no-bis pa-cem
 do-na no-bis pa-cem
 do-na no-bis pa-cem
 do-na no-bis pa-cem

no-bis pa-cem do-na no-bis pa-cem
 no-bis pa-cem do-na no-bis pa-cem
 no-bis pa-cem: do-na no-bis pa-cem
 no-bis pa-cem do-na no-bis pa-cem, do-na do-na no-bis pa-cem.

do-na no-bis pa-cem do-na no-bis pa-cem.
 do-na no-bis pa-cem do-na no-bis pa-cem.
 do-na no-bis pa-cem do-na no-bis pa-cem.
 do-na no-bis pa-cem do-na no-bis pa-cem.