

O salutaris Hostia

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Thomas Tallis
(c. 1505–1585)

Discantus

Medius

Altus

Tenor

Bassus

O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho - sti - a,

O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho - sti -

O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho - sti -

O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho - sti -

O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho -

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O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho - sti - a,

- a, O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho - sti -

- a, O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho - sti -

- a, O sa - lu - ta - ris Ho - sti -

st - a, O sa - lu -

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Quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um,
- a, Quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um,
a, Quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um,
Quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um,
ta - ris Ho - sti - a, Quae cae - li

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quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um, quae cae - li pan - dis
quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um, quae cae - li
um, quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um, quae cae - li
- sti - um, quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um, quae
pan - dis o - sti - um, quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um, quae

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o - sti - um: Bel - la pre - munt ho - sti - li -
pan - dis o - sti - um: Bel - la pre - munt ho -
o - sti - um: Bel - la pre - munt ho -
cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um: Bel - la pre -
cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um: Bel -

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a, bel - la pre-munt ho - sti-li -
sti - li - a, ho - sti - li - a, bel - la pre - munt ho - sti - li -
sti - li - a, bel - la pre - munt ho - sti - li -
munt ho - sti - li - a, bel - la pre - munt ho -
la pre - munt ho - sti - li - a, bel - la pre - munt ho -

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- a; Da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um, au - xi - li -
- a; Da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um, au -
- a; Da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um, au -
sti - li - a; Da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um, au -
sti - li - a; Da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um, au -
Da ro - bur,

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um, da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um, au - xi - li - um,
xi - li - um, da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um, au - xi - li -
xi - li - um, da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um, au - xi - li -
um, da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um, au - xi - li -
fer au - xi - li - um, da ro - bur, fer au -

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um.

um.

au - xi - li um.

um.

Mr. Calys

Editorial Note

Sources:

- A GB-Lbl Add. 31390: *A booke of In nomines & other solfain...* (Tablebook, MS); no. 66 / Clement Woodcock, Chichester c. 1578.
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Editorial procedure:

Originally notated in the following clefs: G2, C2, C3, C4, F4.

Original pitch and mensural sign retained. Barlines, cue-size and cautionary accidentals are editorial; the latter serving, in part, to confirm the editor's approach to *musica ficta*; the present-day conception of performers' accidentals. The sole ligature is shown with a closed square bracket. All text is editorial.

The earliest complete source (A) has several obvious errors and one too many incongruities to be considered the first choice for a transcription. Tallis's habit of revision means that subsequent sources are equally unhelpful and in conflict with one another, probably owing to scribal error and or invention. This edition is a personal view of what sounds plausible for mature, revised Tallis.

Translation:

*O saving victim
 who opens the gate of heaven:
 oppressive war threatens,
 give strength, bring help.*

Verse 5 of 'Verbum supernum prodiens' (Hymn at Lauds, Corpus Christi)

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