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# Praeter rerum seriem

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***Quire*** EDITIONS

Praeter rerum seriem  
Parit Deum hominem  
Virgo mater.  
Nec vir tangit virginem,  
Nec prolis originem  
Novit pater.

Virtus sancti spiritus  
Opus illud caelitus  
Operatur.  
Initus et exitus  
Partus tui penitus  
Quis scrutatur?

Dei providentia  
Quae disponit omnia  
Tam suave.  
Tua puerperia  
Transfer in mysteria,  
Mater ave.

Pre-Tridentine Reform sequence  
for the first Mass of Christmas "in nocte".

*Beyond the normal chain of events  
The Virgin Mother  
Gives birth to a man who is God.  
No man touches the Virgin  
Nor does the father know  
The origin of his offspring.*

*The power of the Holy Spirit  
Achieves from Heaven  
This miracle.  
Who examines deeply  
The ins and outs  
Of your giving birth?*

*It is the providence of God  
Which arranges all things  
So delightfully.  
Transform your bearing of children  
Into transcendent mysteries.  
Hail, Mother!*

(Translation courtesy of Simon Preece)

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(c. 1450/1455–1521)

Superius (C1)

Altus primus (C3)

Altus secundus (C3)

Tenor (C4)  
Prae - ter re - rum

Bassus primus (F4)  
Prae - ter re - rum se - ri - em,

Bassus secundus (F4)  
Prae - ter re - rum

3

se - ri - em,

se - ri - em, se - ri - em,

5

Musical score for measures 5 and 6. The score consists of six staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Prae - ter re - rum". The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Prae - ter re - rum". The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Prae - ter re - rum se - ri - em,". The fourth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "prae - ter re - rum se -". The fifth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "em, prae - ter re - rum se -". The sixth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "em, prae - ter re -".

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Musical score for measures 7 and 8. The score consists of six staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "se - ri - em". The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "se - ri - em, se - ri - em". The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "prae - ter re - rum se - ri - em Pa - rit De -". The fourth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "ri - em Pa - rit De - um,". The fifth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "ri - em Pa - rit De -". The sixth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "rum se - ri - em Pa -".

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Musical score for measures 9 and 10. The score consists of six staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Pa - rit De - um, De - um,". The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "um, De - um, pa - rit". The third staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "pa - rit De - um". The fourth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "um ho - mi-nem, ho - mi-nem, ho -". The fifth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "rit De - um ho - mi-nem, ho -". The sixth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "rit De - um ho - mi-nem, ho -".

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Pa - rit De - um, De - um ho - mi - nem, pa - rit De - um, ho - mi - nem, pa - mi - nem pa - rit De - mi - nem

13

De - um ho - mi - um ho mi - De - um ho mi - nem rit De - um, De - um, De - um, pa - rit De - um ho - mi -

15

nem Vir - go ma - nem Vir - go ma - ter, Vir - go ma - ter, vir - go ma - um ho mi - nem Vir - go ma - ter, vir - ho mi - nem Vir - go - nem Vir - go ma - ter,

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ter, vir - go ma - ter, vir -  
 vir - go ma - ter, vir - go ma -  
 - ter, vir - go ma - ter,  
 go ma - ter, vir - go ma -  
 ma - ter, vir - go ma - ter.  
 vir - go ma - ter.

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go ma - ter.  
 -ter, vir - go ma - ter.  
 vir - go ma - ter. Nec vir tan - git,  
 ter. Nec vir tan - git  
 Nec vir tan -  
 Nec vir tan - git vir -

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Nec vir tan - git  
 Nec vir tan - git vir -  
 nec vir tan -  
 vir - gi - nem, vir - gi - nem,  
 - git vir - gi - nem,  
 - gi - nem, vir - gi - nem,

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vir - gi - nem,  
 - gi - nem,  
 - git vir - gi - nem,  
 Nec pro - lis o -  
 Nec pro - lis o -  
 Nec pro - lis o -

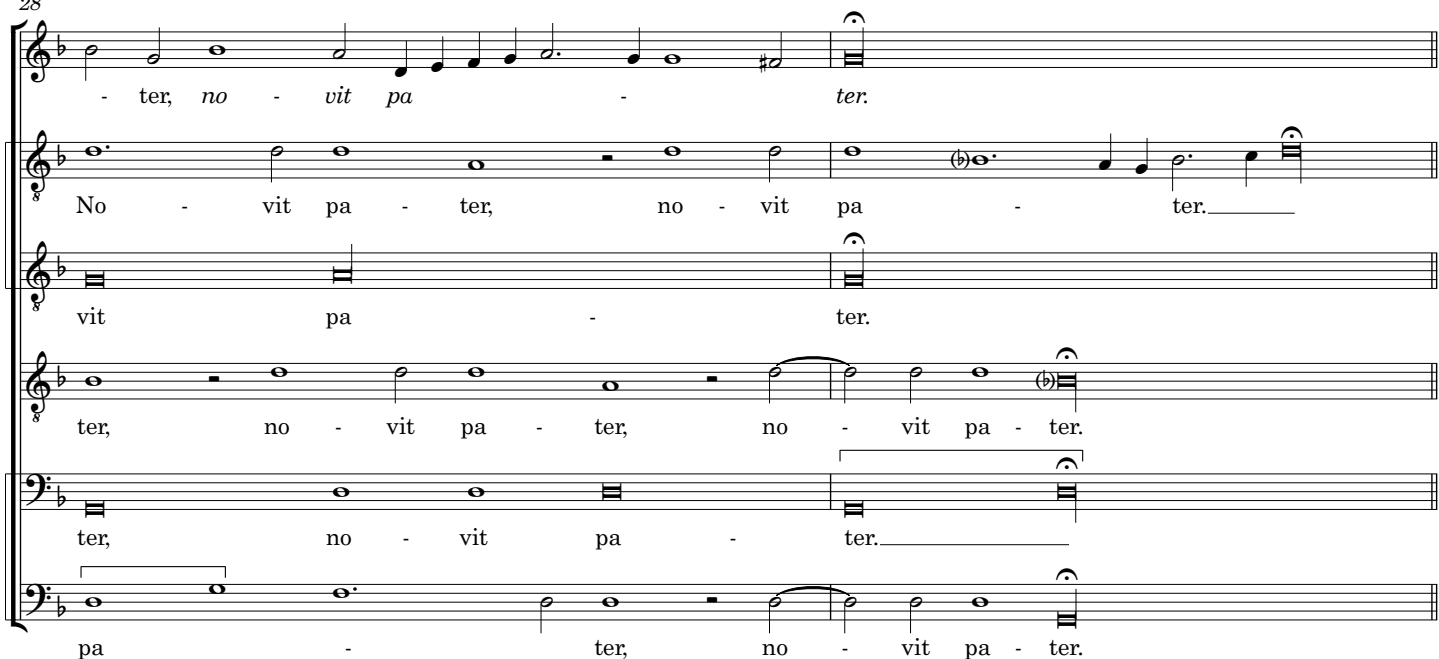
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Nec pro - lis o - ri -  
 Nec pro - lis o - ri -  
 Nec pro - lis o - ri -  
 ri - gi - nem  
 - ri - gi - nem  
 - ri - gi - nem

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-gi - nem No - vit pa -  
 - gi - nem  
 -gi - nem no -  
 No - vit pa -  
 No - vit pa -  
 No - vit

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- ter, no - vit pa - ter.  
 No - vit pa - ter, no - vit pa - ter.  
 vit pa - ter.  
 ter, no - vit pa - ter, no - vit pa - ter.  
 ter, no - vit pa - ter.  
 pa - ter, no - vit pa - ter.

30 **Secunda pars**



Vir - tus san - cti Spi - ritus, vir - tus san - cti Spi - ritus, vir - tus san - cti Spi - ritus, vir - tus san - cti Spi - ritus.

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ri - tus  
 - cti Spi - ri - tus  
 ri - tus  
 vir - tus san - cti  
 Vir - tus san - cti Spi - ri - tus  
 Vir - tus san - cti Spi - ri - tus



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O - pus il - lud cae - li -  
 O - pus il - lud cae -  
 O - pus il - lud cae - li - tus, cae - li - tus  
 Spi - ri - tus O -  
 tus, Spi - ri - tus O - pus il - lud  
 tus O - pus il - lud, il -

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- tus O - pe - ra - tur, o - pe - ra -  
 li - tus O - pe - ra - tur, o -  
 O - pe - ra - tur, o - pe - ra -  
 pus il - lud cae - li - tus O - pe - ra - tur,  
 cae - li - tus O - pe - ra - tur,  
 - lud cae - li - tus O - pe - ra -

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- tur, o - pe - ra - tur. In - i - tus et  
 pe - ra - tur. In - i - tus  
 tur, o - pe - ra - tur.  
 o - pe - ra - tur.  
 o - pe - ra - tur. In - i - tus et  
 tur, o - pe - ra - tur.

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ex - i - tus, in - i - tus et ex -  
 et ex - i - tus  
 In - i - tus et  
 ex - i - tus, in - i - tus et ex -  
 In - i - tus et ex - i - tus,

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- i - tus  
 Par - tus tu - i pe - ni -  
 Par - tus tu - i, par -  
 ex - i - tus Par - tus tu - i pe - ni -  
 - i - tus Par - tus tu - i pe - ni -  
 Par - tus tu - i,

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Par - tus tu - i pe - ni - tus Quis  
 tus Quis scru - ta - tur,  
 - tus tu - i pe - ni - tus, par - tus tu -  
 tus Quis scru - ta -  
 tus Quis scru - ta -  
 par - tus tu - i pe - ni - tus Quis

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scru - ta - tur? De - i  
 quis scru - ta - tur? De -  
 - i pe - ni - tus Quis scru - ta - tur? De -  
 - tur, quis scru - ta - tur?  
 - tur, quis scru - ta - tur?  
 scru - ta - tur?

83

pro - vi - den - ti - a  
 i pro - vi - den - ti - a, De - i  
 i pro - vi - den - ti - a, De -  
 De - i pro - vi - den - ti - a  
 De - i pro - vi - den - ti - a, De -  
 De - i pro - vi - den - ti - a

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Quae dis - po - nit o - mni - a  
 pro - vi - den - ti - a Quae dis -  
 i pro - vi - den - ti - a Quae dis -  
 Quae dis - po - nit o - mni - a  
 i pro - vi - den - ti - a Quae dis -  
 Quae dis - po - nit o - mni - a Tam

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Tam su - a - ve, tam su -

po - nit o - mni - a Tam su - a - ve,

po - nit o - mni - a Tam su - a - ve,

Tam su - a - ve, tam su -

po - nit o - mni - a Tam su - a - ve,

su - a ve, tam su -

101

- a - ve. Tu - a pu - er - pe -

tam su - a - ve. Tu - a pu - er - pe - ri - a,

tam su - a - ve. Tu - a pu - er - pe - ri - a,

- a - ve. Tu - a

tam su - a - ve. Tu -

- a - ve. Tu -

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- ri - a

tu - a pu - er - pe - ri -

tu - a pu - er - pe - ri -

pu - er - pe - ri - a

a pu - er - pe - ri - a, tu - a pu - er - pe -

a pu - er - pe - ri - a

112

Trans - fer in my - ste - ri - a,  
a Trans - fer in my - ste - ri -  
a Trans - fer in my - ste - ri -  
Trans - fer in my - ste - ri - a,  
- ri - a Trans - fer in my - ste -  
Trans - fer in my - ste - ri - a, in my - ste - ri -

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Ma - ter a - ve, ma -  
a, Ma - ter a - ve, Ma -  
a, Ma - ter  
Ma - ter a -  
- ri - a, Ma - ter a -  
a, Ma - ter a - ve,

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- ter a - ve, ma - ter a - ve.  
- ter a - ve.  
a - ve.  
-ve.  
ve, ma - ter a - ve.  
ma - ter a - ve.