

# 'Miserere mei, Deus'

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Plainchant set to a simple unison.

**Editorial Notes:** This edition aims to reproduce the *falsobordone* setting as it was notated during Allegri's lifetime (without the inclusion of traditional ornaments - *abbellimenti*). Original note values have been preserved. Prefatory staves indicate original clefs and pitches. Original accidentals are shown, except B-Sharp symbols (replaced with modern B-Naturals). Original barring is indicated; with editorial (tick and short) barlines added for clarity and consistency. Square-brackets indicate ligatures in MS. Original slurs/ties are kept (with dashed slurs added editorially to highlight melismas). Latin text and translation above staff, and any comments in square brackets are also editorial. Underlay set closest to text in MS (according to the editor's judgement). Fermatae added on final chord.

Edited by Ben Maloney (Jan 2018) - Corrections made (Mar 2020) Composed c.1638 by Gregorio Allegri (c.1582-1652)

Miserere mei, Deus,  
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam;

*Have mercy upon me, O God,  
according to thy loving kindness;*

1 [Chorus Primus] 2

CANTUS. *M*iserere Miserere me - i, De - - - - us,

ALTUS. *M*iserere Miserere me - - i, De - - - us,

TENOR-PRIMUS. *M*iserere Miserere me - i, De - - - - us,

TENOR-SECUNDUS. *M*iserere Miserere me - i, De - - - - us,

BASSUS. *M*iserere Miserere me - i, De - - - - us,

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secundum magnam miseri - cor - di - am tu - - - am;

secundum magnam miseri - cor - di - am tu - - - am;

secundum magnam miseri - cor - di - am tu - - - am;

secundum magnam miseri - cor - di - am tu - - - am;

secundum magnam miseri - cor - di - am tu - - - am;

5 [Plainchant]

et se - cun - dum mul - ti - tu - di - nem mi - se - ra - ti - o - num tu - a - rum, de - le in - i - qui - ta - tem me - am.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea:  
et á peccato meo munda me.

*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity:  
and cleanse me from my sin.*

6 [Chorus Secundus]

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[Cantus-Primus.]

**A** *Mplius lava me ab iniqui*  
[Bar 47, Beat 4.5, Semibreve  
in MS changed to minim]

Amplius lava me ab iniqui - ta - te me - - a:

[Cantus-Secundus.]

**A** *Mplius lava me ab iniqui*

Amplius lava me ab iniqui - ta - te me - - a:

[Altus.]

**A** *Mplius lava me ab iniqui*

Amplius lava me ab iniqui - ta - - te me - - a:

[Bassus.]

**A** *Mplius lava me ab iniqui*

Amplius lava me ab iniqui - ta - te me - - a:

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et á pec - ca - to me - - o mun - da me.

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et á pec - ca - to me - o mun - - da me.

et á pec - ca - to me - o mun - - da me.

10 [Plainchant]



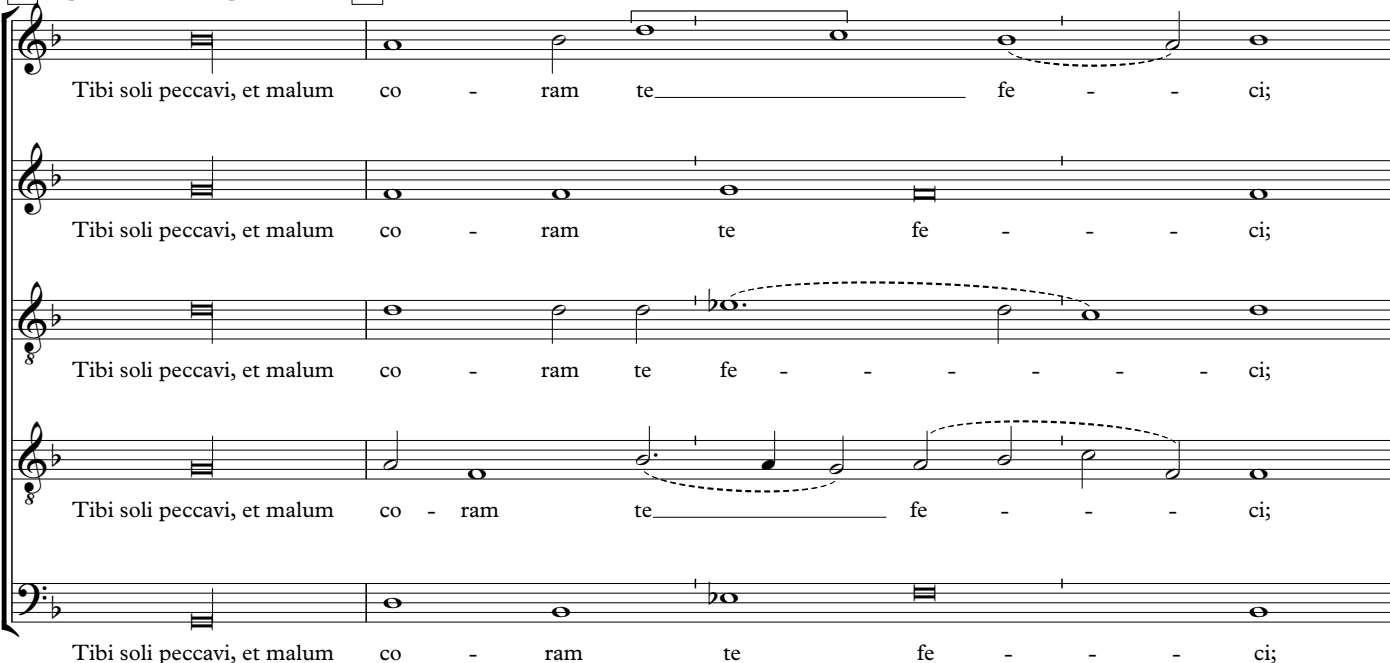
Quo - ni-am i - ni - qui - ta - tem me-am e - go co-gno-sco, et pec-ca-tum me-um con-tra me est sem-per.

Tibi soli peccavi,  
et malum coram te feci;  
Ut iustificeris in sermonibus tuis,  
et vincas cum iudicaris.

*Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,  
and done this evil in thy sight;  
that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest,  
and be clear when thy judgest.*

11 [Chorus Primus]

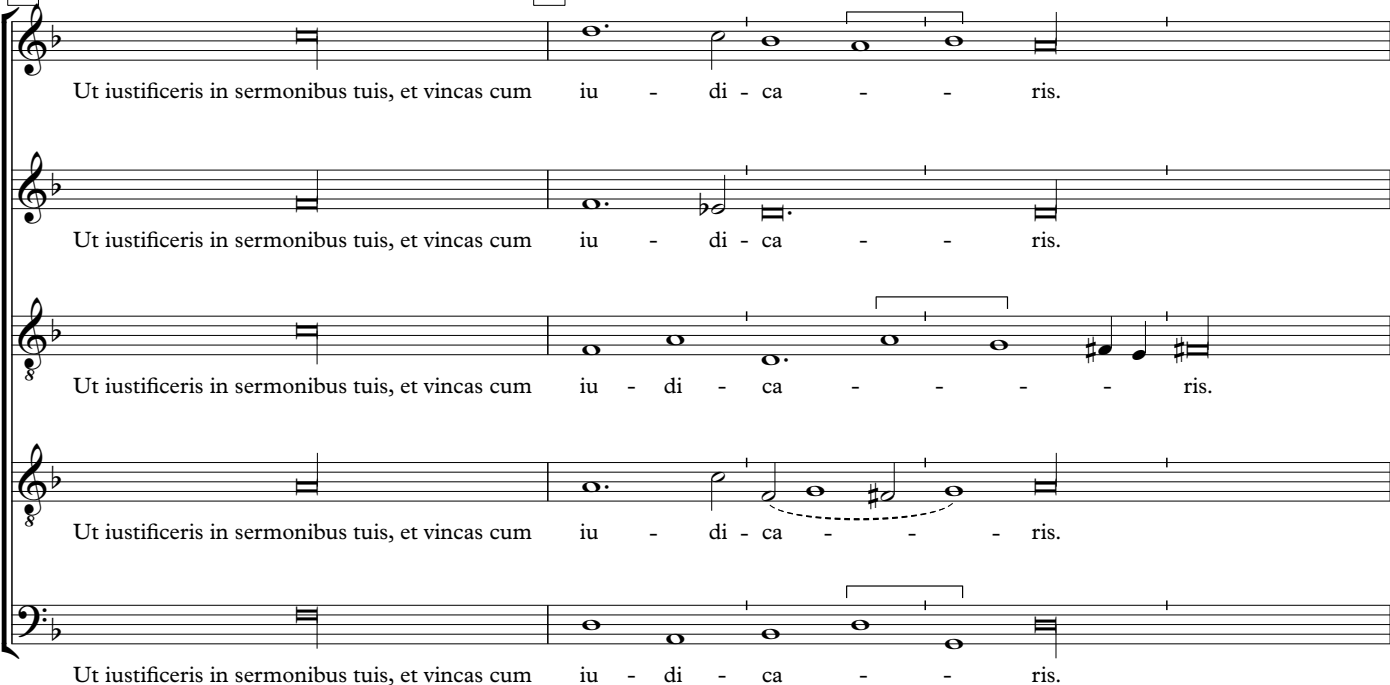
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Tibi soli peccavi, et malum co - ram te fe - - - ci;  
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum co - ram te fe - - - ci;  
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum co - ram te fe - - - - - ci;  
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum co - ram te fe - - - - - ci;  
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum co - ram te fe - - - - - ci;

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Ut iustificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum iu - di - ca - - - ris.  
Ut iustificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum iu - di - ca - - - ris.  
Ut iustificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum iu - di - ca - - - - - ris.  
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Ut iustificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum iu - di - ca - - - - - ris.

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum:  
et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity:  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

15 [Plainchant]

Ec - ce e - nim in i - ni - qui - ta - ti - bus con - cep - tus sum: et in pec - ca - tis con - ce - pit me ma - ter me - a.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti;  
Incerta, et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.

*Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts;  
and in the hidden part, thou shalt make me to know wisdom.*

16 [Chorus Secundus]

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Ecce enim veritatem di - le - xi - - - sti;

Ecce enim veritatem di - le - - - xi - - - sti;

Ecce enim veritatem di - - - le - - - xi - - - sti;

Ecce enim veritatem di - le - xi - - - sti;

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Incerta, et occulta sapientiae tuae manife - sta - sti mi - - - hi.

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Incerta, et occulta sapientiae tuae manife - sta - sti mi - - - hi.

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor;  
lavabis me et super nivem dealabor.

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

20 [Plainchant]



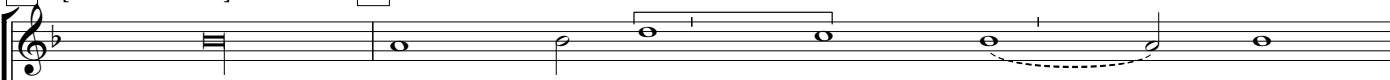
A - sper - ges me hys - so - po, et mun - da - bor; la - va - bis me et su - per ni - vem de - al - ba - bor.

Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiā:  
et exultabunt ossa humiliata.

*Make me to hear joy and gladness;  
that the bones which thou hast broke may rejoice*

21 [Chorus Primus]

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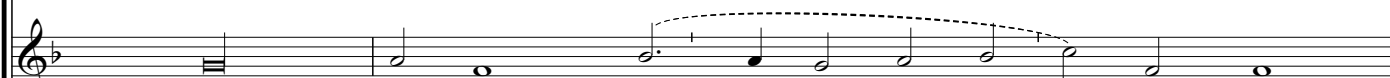
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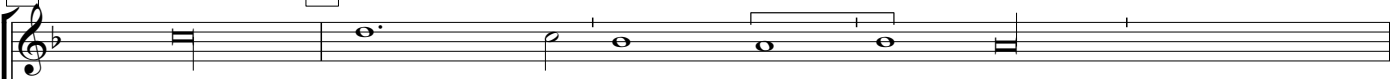
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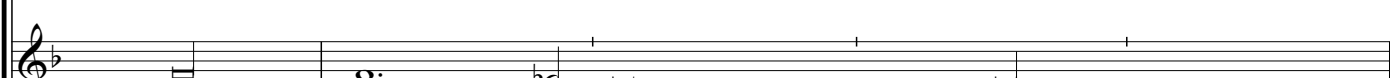
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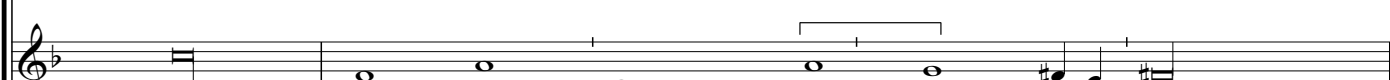
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et exultabunt ossa hu - mi - li - a - - - - - ta.



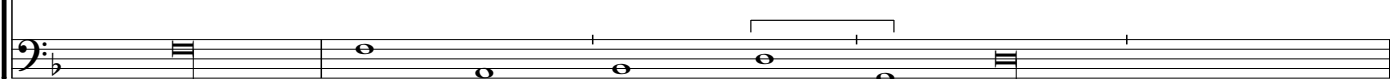
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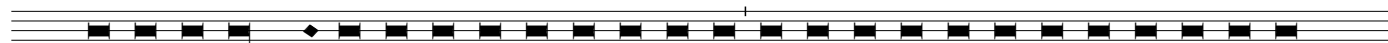


et exultabunt ossa hu - mi - li - a - - - - - ta.

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis,  
et omnes iniquitates meas dele.

*Hide thy face from my sins,  
and blot out all mine iniquities.*

25 [Plainchant]



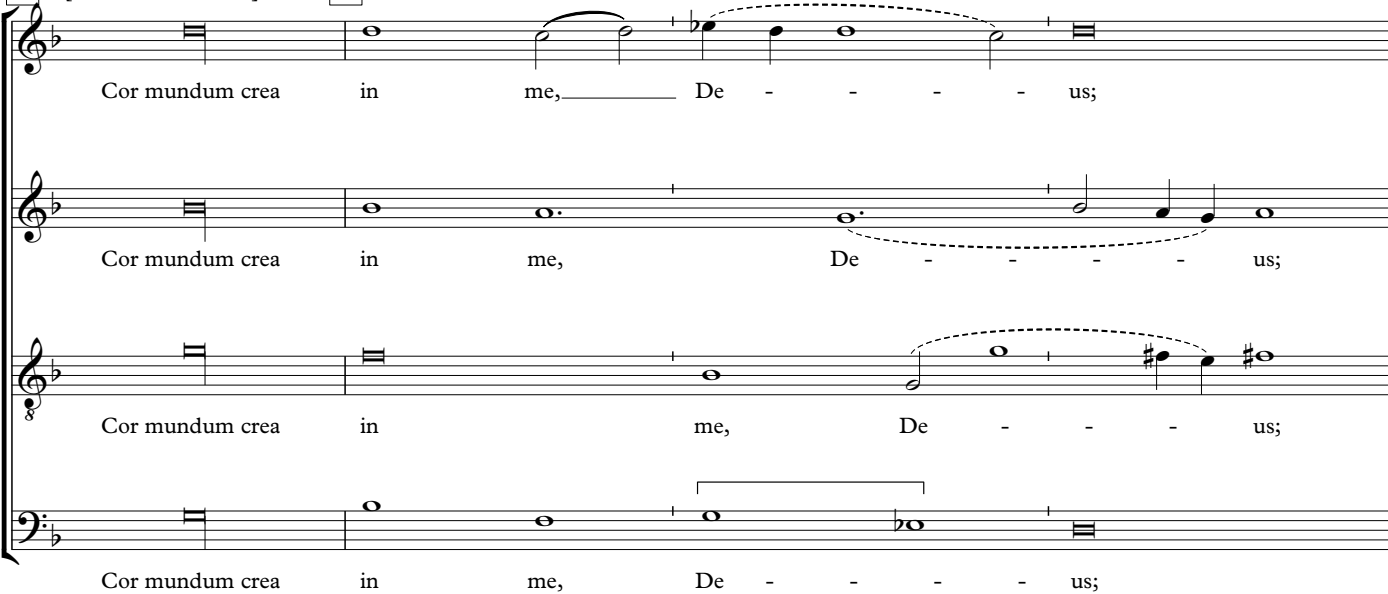
A - ver - te fa - ci-em tu - am a pec - ca - tis me - is, et om - nes i - ni - qui - ta - tes me - as de - le.

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus;  
Et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

26 [Chorus Secundus]

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Cor mundum crea in me, De - - - us;

Cor mundum crea in me, De - - - us;

Cor mundum crea in me, De - - - us;

Cor mundum crea in me, De - - - us;

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Et spiritum rectum innova in vi - sce - ri bus me - - is.

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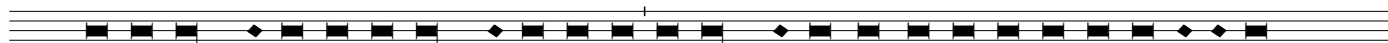
Et spiritum rectum innova in vi - sce - ri - bus me - - is.

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Ne projicias me a facie tua,  
et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.

*Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy holy spirit from me.*

30 [Plainchant]



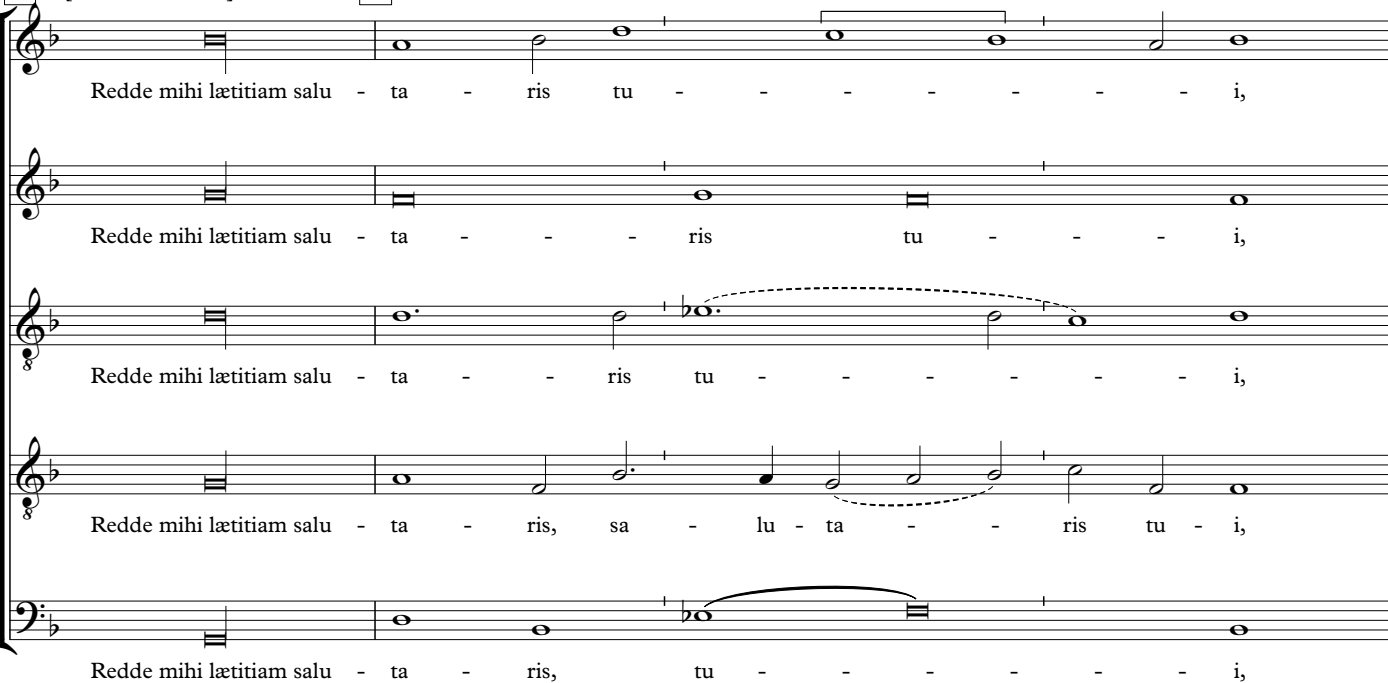
Ne pro - ji - ci - as me a fa - ci - e tu - a, et spi - ri - tum sanc - tum tu - um ne au - fer - as a me.

Redde mihi lætitiã salutaris tui,  
et spiritu principali confirma me.

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;  
and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

31 [Chorus Primus]

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Redde mihi lætitiã salu - ta - ris tu - - - - - i,  
Redde mihi lætitiã salu - ta - - - - ris tu - - - - i,  
Redde mihi lætitiã salu - ta - - - - ris tu - - - - i,  
Redde mihi lætitiã salu - ta - ris, sa - lu - ta - - - - ris tu - i,  
Redde mihi lætitiã salu - ta - ris, tu - - - - - i,

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et spiritu princi - pa - li con - fir - ma me.  
et spiritu princi - pa - li con - fir - ma me.  
et spiritu princi - pa - li con - fir - ma me.  
et spiritu princi - pa - li con - fir - ma me.  
et spiritu princi - pa - li con - fir - ma me.

Docebo iniquos vias tuas,  
et impii ad te convertentur.

*Then will I teach transgressors thy way,  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

35 [Plainchant]



Do - ce - bo i - ni - quos vi - as tu - as, et im - pi - i ad te con - ver - ten - tur.

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ,  
Et exultabit lingua mea iustitiam tuam.

*Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.*

36 [Chorus Secundus]

37

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus sa - lu - tis me - - - æ,

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus sa - lu - tis me - - - æ,

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus sa - lu - - - tis me - - - - æ,

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus sa - lu - - - tis me - - - - æ,

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Et exultabit lingua mea iu - sti - ti - am tu - - - am.

Et exultabit lingua mea iu - sti - ti - am tu - - - - - am.

Et exultabit lingua mea iu - sti - ti - am tu - - - - - am.

Et exultabit lingua mea iu - sti - ti - am tu - - - - - am.



40 [Plainchant]



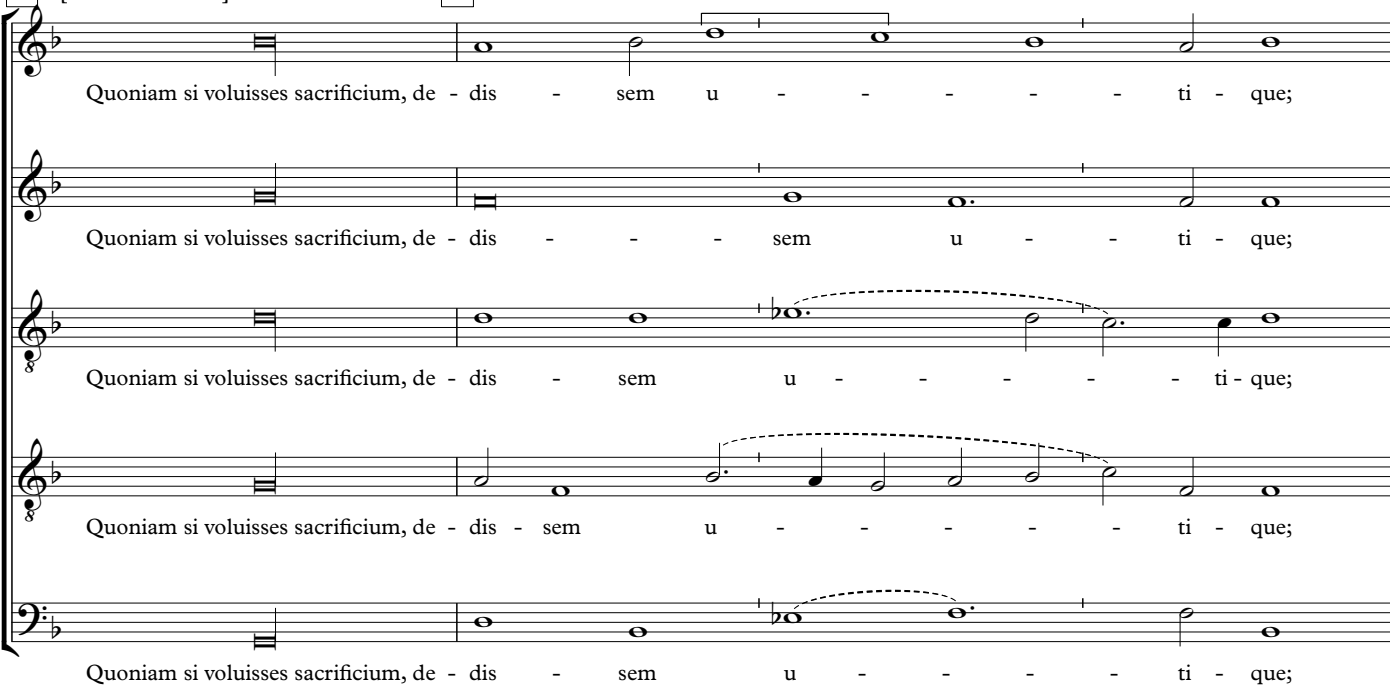
Do - mi-ne, la - bi - a me - a a - pe - ri - es, et os me - um an - nun - ti - a - bit lau - dem tu - am.

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique;  
holocaustis non delectaberis.

*For thou desirest not sacrifice, else I would give it;  
thou delightest not in burnt offering.*

41 [Chorus Primus]

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Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, de - dis - sem u - - - ti - que;

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, de - dis - - - sem u - - - ti - que;

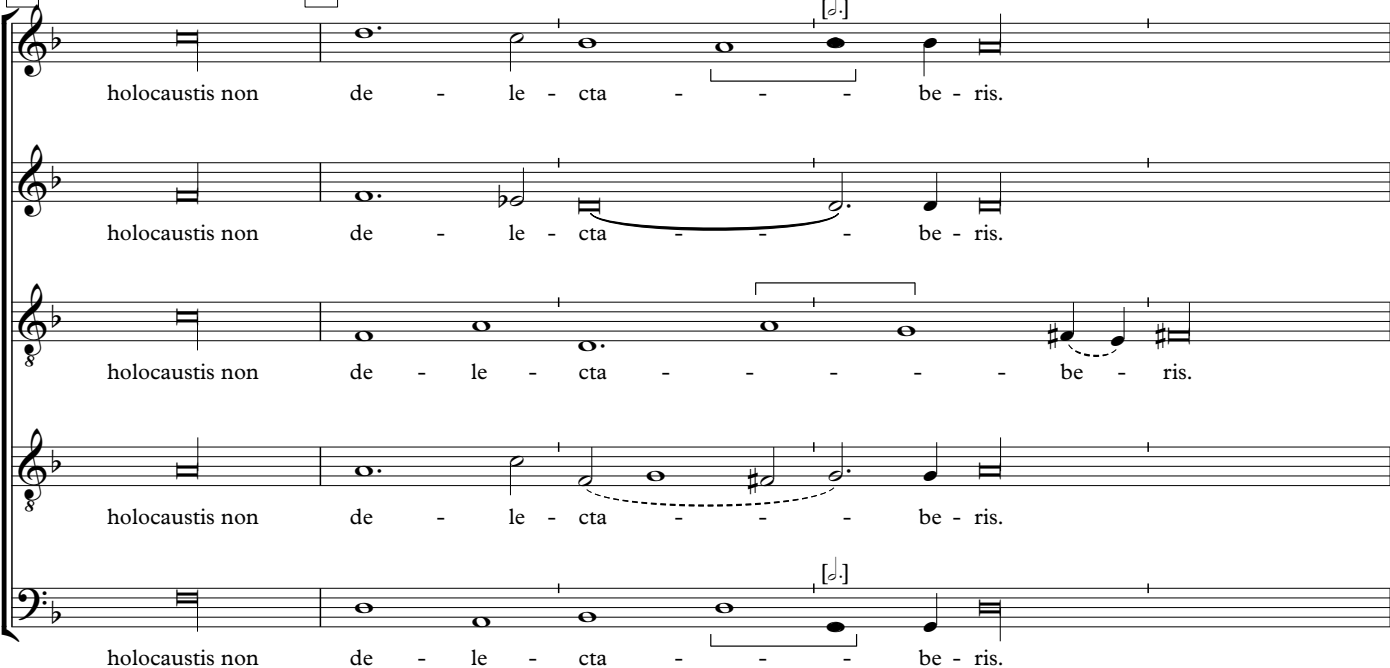
Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, de - dis - sem u - - - ti - que;

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, de - dis - sem u - - - ti - que;

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, de - dis - sem u - - - ti - que;

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holocaustis non de - le - cta - be - ris.

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holocaustis non de - le - cta - be - ris.

Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus;  
cor contritum et humilitatum, Deus, non despicias.

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

## 45 [Plainchant]



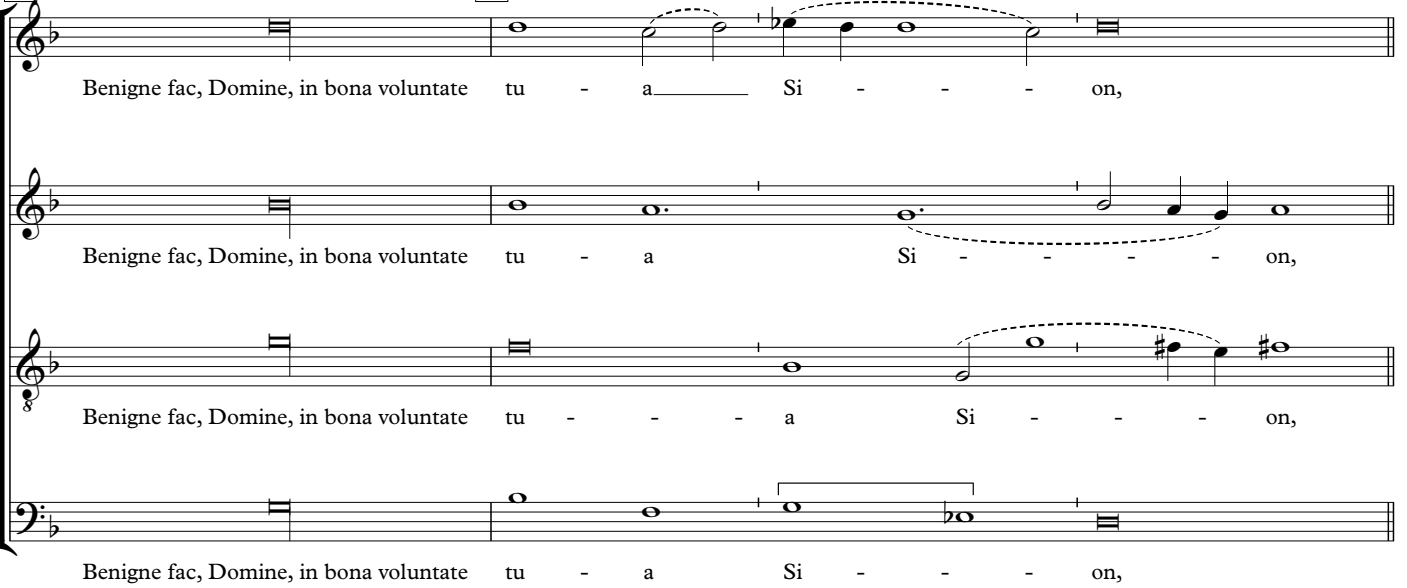
Sa-cri-fi - ci-um De-o spi - ri-tus con-tri-bu-la-tus; cor con-tri-tum et hu-mi-li - a - tum, De-us, non de-spi - ci-es.

Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion,  
ut ædificentur muri Ierusalem.

*Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion,  
build thou the walls of Jerusalem.*

## 46 [Chorus Secundus]

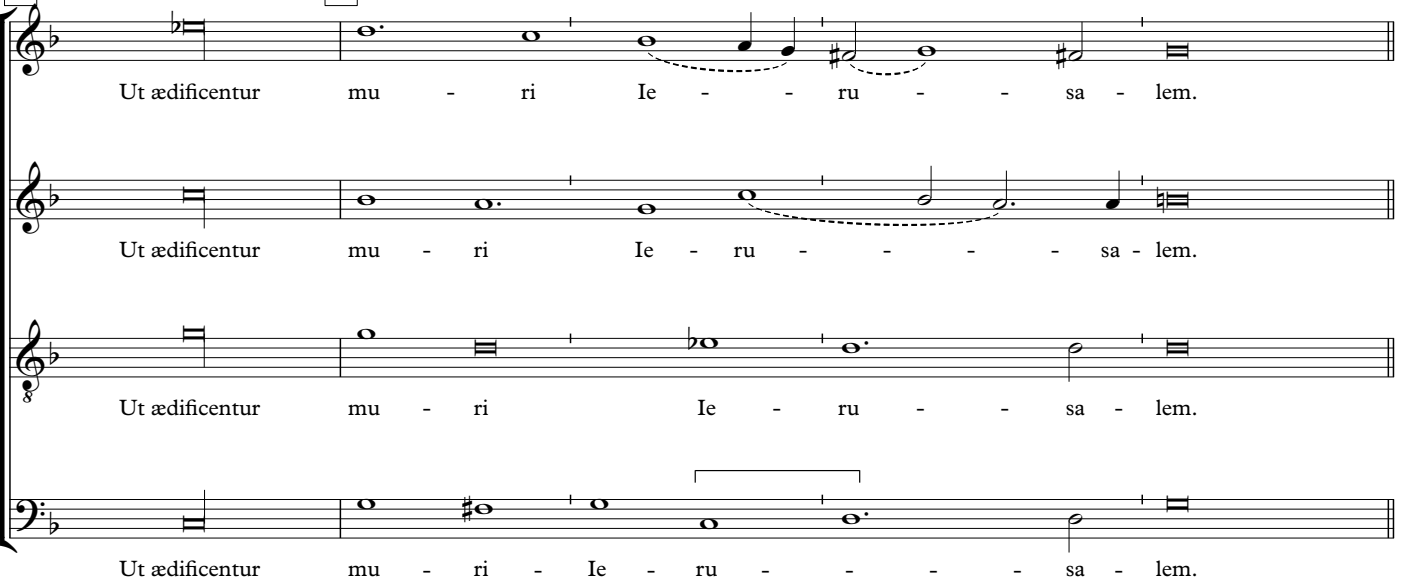
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Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tu - a Si - - - on,  
Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tu - a Si - - - on,  
Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tu - - - a Si - - - on,  
Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tu - a Si - - - on,

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Ut ædificentur mu - ri Ie - - ru - - sa - lem.  
Ut ædificentur mu - ri Ie - ru - - - sa - lem.  
Ut ædificentur mu - ri Ie - ru - - sa - lem.  
Ut ædificentur mu - ri - Ie - ru - - - sa - lem.



52 à9.

tunc im - po - nent su - per al - ta - re tu - um vi - - tu - los.

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