

Giovanni Bassano  
(c.1560 - 1617)

Cibavit nos

à8

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**Source:** Motetti per Concerti Ecclesiastici (1598) Vincenti: Venice. No. 12. The title piece of each partbook reads:

[PART NAME IN ITALIAN/LATIN]/MOTETTI/PER CONCERTI/ECCLESIASTICI/A 5.6.7.8& 12 Voci,/DI GIOVANNI BASSANO/Musico della Serenissima Signoria di Venetia,/Et Maestro di Musica del Seminario/ di San Marco./Novamente Composti, & dati in luce./[COAT OF ARMS]/IN VENETIA, Appresso Giacomo Vincenti. 1598. [LETTER NAME ACCORDING TO PARTBOOK, A - H FROM CANTUS TO OCTAVUS]

The organ partbook was printed a year later. The title page is the same but for addition of *LIBRO PRIMO* under the composer's credentials, a rule separating the name of the publishing house and the date, and the date being given in Roman numerals rather than digits. The organ partbook is marked A.

#### **Editorial method:**

Original partnames, time signatures and note durations have been retained. Pitch has been lowered by a perfect fifth in deference to the *chiavi alti*. Clefs have been modernised, with originals appearing in prefatory staves. The overall range of each underlaid part is given in black stemless notes before the initial time signature, according to which the music has been barred.

Editorial accidentals appear above the stave, whereas courtesy accidentals appear in parentheses. Coloration is shown by interrupted square brackets above the stave.

#### **Text and translation:**

Original spelling has been retained, but punctuation and capitalisation have been standardised. Ditto marks in the underlay have been expanded using italics, and missing underlay is supplied in square brackets.

<i>Cibavit nos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia.</i>	[The Lord] would have fed us with the finest wheat, alleluia.
<i>Et de petra melle saturavit nos, alleluia.</i>	And with honey out of the rock satisfied us, alleluia.
<i>Et ex altari tuo Domine Christum sumimus, alleluia.</i>	It is at thine Altar, Lord, that we do feed on Christ, alleluia.
<i>In quem cor et caro nostra exultant, alleluia.</i>	For whom our heart and our flesh crieth out, alleluia.

Text taken from two antiphons for Matins of Corpus Christi.

Liturgical use: non specific - general communion. Communion at Corpus Christi would be particularly appropriate, given the similar text (*Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti*) for the Introit at Mass for this day.

**Performance:** Given the flexible nature of Renaissance *chiavette* transposition, the music could lie a tone higher than in the present Edition. As this would necessitate chords of B major, which are often unpleasant on meantone-tempered instruments, the present pitch may be found to be more satisfactory, assuming the temperament in question contains Eb's rather than D#'s. The music should be performed by a mixture of adult male voices, instruments, and organs.

**Critical notes:** Given in the order bar, part, object, comment. Comprised of source readings not retained in the Edition.

2,C,3,♭  
7,7,4,♯  
9,T,4,♯  
33,5,8,♯  
47,T,3,♯  
58,T,3,♯  
66,A,3,♯

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Primus Chorus.

Cantus

A musical score for the Cantus part of the Primus Chorus. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Ci - ba - - - - - - - - vit nos, ci - -" are written below the notes. The music ends with a fermata over the last note.

Altus

A musical score for the Altus part of the Primus Chorus. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Ci - - - ba - - - - - - vit nos, ci - ba -" are written below the notes.

Tenor

A musical score for the Tenor part of the Primus Chorus. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Ci - ba - - - - - - - - vit nos, ci - ba -" are written below the notes.

Bassus

A musical score for the Bassus part of the Primus Chorus. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Ci - ba - - - - - - - - vit nos, ci - - ba - vit" are written below the notes.

Quintus  
(cantus)

A musical score for the Quintus (cantus) part of the Secundes Chorus. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Ci - - ba - - - - - - vit" are written below the notes.

[Septimus]  
(altus)

A musical score for the Septimus (altus) part of the Secundes Chorus. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Ci - - ba - - - - vit nos," are written below the notes.

Secundes Chorus.

Sextus  
(tenor)

A musical score for the Sextus (tenor) part of the Secundes Chorus. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Ci - ba - - - - - - - - vit" are written below the notes.

Octavus  
(bassus)

A musical score for the Octavus (bassus) part of the Secundes Chorus. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Ci - - ba - - - - - - - vit" are written below the notes.

Bassi per  
l'organo

A musical score for the Bassi per l'organo part of the Secundes Chorus. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Ci - - ba - - - - - - - vit" are written below the notes.

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C. ba - - - vit nos ex a - di-pe fru-men - ti,  
A. - - - vit nos ex a - di-pe fru-men - ti,  
T. - - - vit nos ex a - di-pe fru-men - ti,  
B. nos, ci - ba - vit nos ex a - di-pe fru-men - ti,  
5. nos, ci - ba - - - vit nos ex a - di-pe fru-men -  
7. ci - ba - vit nos, ci - ba - - vit nos ex a - di-pe fru-men -  
6. nos, ci - ba - - - vit nos ex a - di-pe fru-men -  
8. nos, ci - - - - - vit nos ex a - di-pe fru-men -

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C. ex a - di-pe fru-men - ti, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
A. ex a - di-pe fru-men - ti, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
T. ex a - di-pe fru-men - ti, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
B. ex a - di-pe fru-men - ti, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
5. ti, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Et  
7. ti, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Et de pe  
6. ti, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
8. ti, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Et

The musical score consists of eight staves, each representing a different part: C (Soprano), A (Alto), T (Tenor), and B (Bass). The music is written in common time, with various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes. The vocal parts are separated by vertical bar lines, and the lyrics are placed below each staff. The score includes several measures of music, with measure numbers 2, 5, 10, and 15 indicated at the top of the page.

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C. Et de pe - tra mel - le sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa -

A. Et de pe - tra mel - le sa - tu - ra - vit nos,

T. Et de pe - tra mel - le sa - tu - ra - vit nos,

B. Et de pe - tra mel - le sa - tu - ra - vit nos,

5. de pe - tra mel - - le sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit

7. - tra mel - - le sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit

6. Et de pe - tra mel - - le sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit

8. de pe - tra mel - - le sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit

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C. - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - - - vit nos, al - le -

A. sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos, al - le -

T. sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos, al - le -

B. sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos, al - le -

5. nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - - - vit nos,

7. nos, sa - tu - ra - - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos,

6. nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos, sa - tu - ra - vit nos,

8. nos, sa - tu - ra - - - vit nos,

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C. lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Et ex Al-ta-ri tu - o Do - mi-

A. lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Et ex Al-ta-ri tu - o Do - mi-

T. -lu - ia, al - - le - lu - ia. Et ex Al-ta-ri tu - o Do - mi-

B. lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia. Et ex Al-ta-ri tu - o Do - mi-

5.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

7.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

6.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia.

8.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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C. ne Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi -

A. ne Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi - mus, su - mi -

T. ne Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi - mus, su - mi -

B. ne Chri - stum su - - mi mus, Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi -

5.

Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi -

7.

Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - - mi - mus, su - mi -

6.

Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su -

8.

Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi - mus, Chri - stum su - mi -

C. mus, al - le - lu - ia. In quem cor et ca-ro no - stra ex-

A. mus, al - le - lu - ia. In quem cor et ca-ro no - stra ex-

T. mus, al - le - lu - ia. In quem cor et ca-ro no - stra ex-

B. mus, al - le - lu - ia. In quem cor et ca-ro no - stra ex-

5. mus, al - le - lu - ia. In quem cor et ca-ro no - stra ex-ul - tant,

7. mus, al - le - lu - ia. In quem cor et ca-ro no - stra ex-ul - tant,

6. - mi-mus, al - le - lu - ia. In quem cor et ca-ro no - stra ex-ul - tant,

8. mus, al - le - lu - ia. In quem cor et ca-ro no - stra ex-ul - tant,

C. ul - tant, et ca-ro no - stra, et ca - ro no - stra, et ca - ro

A. ul - tant, et ca-ro no - stra, et ca - ro no - stra, et ca - ro

T. ul - tant, et ca - ro nos - tra, et ca - ro no - stra, et

B. ul - tant, et ca - ro no - stra, et ca - ro no - stra, et ca - ro

5. in quem cor et ca - ro no - stra ex - ul - tant, et ca - ro no - stra,

7. in quem cor et ca - ro no - stra ex - ul - tant, et ca - ro no - stra,

6. in quem cor et ca - ro no - stra ex - ul - tant, et ca - ro no - stra,

8. in quem cor et ca - ro no - stra ex - ul - tant, et ca - ro no - stra,

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C. no - stra, et ca-ro no - stra ex - ul - tant. Al - le - lu -

A. no - stra, et ca - ro no - stra ex - ul - tant. Al - le - lu -

T. ca-ro no - stra, et ca-ro no - stra ex - ul - tant. Al - le - lu -

B. no - stra, et ca-ro no - stra ex - ul - tant. Al - le - lu -

5. et ca-ro no - stra, et ca-ro no - stra e- xul - tant. Al - le - lu - ia,

7. et ca-ro no - stra ex - ul - tant. Al - le - lu - ia,

6. et ca - ro no - stra ex - ul - tant, ex - ul - tant. Al - le - lu - ia,

8. et ca-ro no - stra ex - ul - tant. Al - le - lu - ia,

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C. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

A. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

T. ia, al - le - lu - ia, [al - le - lu - ia,]

B. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

5. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

7. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

6. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

8. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

C. al - le - lu - ia,

A. al - le - lu - ia,

T. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

B. al - le - lu - ia,

5. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

7. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

6. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

8. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

C. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

A. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

T. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

B. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

5. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

7. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

6. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

8. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

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C. al - - le - lu - - - ia.

A. al - - le - lu - - - ia.

T. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

B. al - - le - lu - - - ia.

5. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - - - ia.

7. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - - - ia.

6. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

8. ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - - - ia.