ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

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(1576 - 1623)

Evening Service for Trebles

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For SSATB verse and chorus, with organ



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EDITORIAL NOTES

Sources: Cambridge, Peterhouse (Cp); Durham Cathedral (DRc); Oxford, Bodelian (Ob).

Dec Medius: Cp MS 47

Can Medius: Cp MS 34, DRc C1

Dec Contra I: Cp MS 39 (appears twice) Can Contra I: Cp MS 49, DRc E11a

Dec Tenor: DRc C13

Dec Bass: Cp MS 38, DRc C18

Can Bass: Cp MS 33

Organ: Ob Tenbury 791, DRc A6

A curiosity of the extant source material is that the Decani Medius book provides the 1st Treble for the Verses, but the 2nd Treble for the Choruses (identical to those in the Cantoris books). Consequently, the 1st Treble Choruses have been reconstructed from the Organ part.

In the absence of a surviving Cantoris Tenor partbook, the Tenor Verse from bar 50 onwards is a reconstruction.

The music has been displayed at original pitch in original note values. The Organ book is in F, a fifth lower than written here. Small notes are editorial additions. Accidentals in parentheses are cautionary; those in square brackets are editorial alterations, usually where the organ part and voices do not agree in the same phrase.

Magnificat

Can Medius, 31: Originally a semibreve.

43: Peterhouse sources have 'tho-rough' on two notes.

Can Medius, 94: The original correct notation seems to have been rubbed out, with wrong notes added. AA A G# G# G.

Organ, 116: The repetition of this two-beat phrase (C D E) is missing in the organ source.

Nunc dimittis

31: The Batten Organ book (Ob Tenbury 791) has complete different music for the 'To be a light' section, and the correct music is supplied after the Gloria.

Contratenor, 62: Source has semibreve. Changed to minim.

Organ, 71: Source has semibreve D in lower voice of right hand. Changed to dotted minim, matching the Alto.

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