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Advent Motets

Communion Propers for Advent
SATB

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These four *Advent Motets* are settings of the communion propers in Advent. Scored for SATB without divisi, suitable for large or small ensembles, the style reflects recent trends in classical choral music, which often require eight or more parts. Close harmony, imitation, and repeating aleatoric patterns help to achieve a fuller sounding texture. Because *Jerusalem surge* contains repeating aleatoric phrases, there should be at least three singers per part. The remaining three motets have neither divisi nor aleatoric events and may be performed by any SATB group.

Dominus dabit includes an introit from the eponymous chant. Although it begins and ends in Bb, it is freely structured, with much of the middle is centered around Ab. Homophonic and contrapuntal passages alternate, with a unison canon at measure 25 that sounds vaguely aleatoric.

Jerusalem surge begins with a series of repeating aleatoric patterns designed to build in excitement and create a rich, cluster sound on the name "Jerusalem". This is followed by conventional notation on the word "surge". Alternation of aleatoric and conventional passages continues throughout. The final patterns have shifted from F Major to F Lydian.

Dicite pusillanimus means "Say to the fearful". The opening section is correspondingly "spooky", with dissonant close harmony. As the text shifts to comforting, so does the music. At first it is harmonically unstable. The final section is firmly in E.

Ecce virgo concipiet has playful staccato passages conveying joyful expectation. Shifts from triple to duple meter recall Renaissance traditions of *triplum* and *duplum*.

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DOMINUS DABIT

Psalm 84:13

The Lord will give kindness
and our land will yield its fruit.

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Incipit

Do - mi - nus

p *mp*

Do-mi-nus Do-mi-nus da - bit Do - mi - nus da - bit

Do-mi-nus Do-mi-nus da - bit Do - mi - nus da - bit

Do-mi-nus Do-mi-nus da - bit Do - mi - nus da - bit

Do-mi-nus Do-mi-nus da - bit Do - mi - nus da - bit

p *mp*

Do-mi-nus Do-mi-nus da - bit Do - mi - nus da - bit

p *mp*

be - ni - gni - ta - tem: be - ni - gni - ta - tem: be - ni - gni - ta - tem: -

be - ni - gni - ta - tem: be - ni - gni - ta - tem: be - ni - gni -

be - ni - gni - ta - tem: be - ni - gni - ta - tem: be - ni - gni - ta -

be - ni - gni - ta - - - - tem: be -

p *mp*

p *mp*

DOMINUS DABIT, p. 2

12

S *mf* be - ni - gni - ta - tem:

A *mf* ta - tem: be - ni - gni - ta - tem:

T *mf* tem: be - ni - gni - ta - tem:

B *mf* ni - gni - ta - tem: be - ni - gni - ta - tem:

Pno. Red. *mf*

17

S *p* be - ni - gni - ta - tem: _____

A *p* be - ni - gni - ta - tem: _____

T *p* be - ni - gni - ta - tem: _____

B *p* be - ni - gni - ta - tem: _____

Pno. Red. *p*

22 *mp* *p* *p*

S et ter - ra no - stra et ter - ra no - stra da - bit et ter - ra

A et ter - ra no - stra et ter - ra no - stra da - bit et

T et ter - ra no - stra et ter - ra no - stra da - bit

B et ter - ra no - stra et ter - ra no - stra

Pno. Red. *mp* *p* *p*

28

S no - stra da - bit et ter - ra no - stra da - bit

A ter - ra no - stra da - bit et ter - ra no - stra da - bit

T et ter - ra no - stra da - bit et ter - ra no - stra da - bit

B da - bit et ter - ra no - stra da - bit et ter - ra no - stra da - bit

Pno. Red. *mp* *p* *p*

DOMINUS DABIT, p. 4

34

S *f* fruc - tum su - um. *mp* fruc - tum su - um. fruc - tum su - um. fruc - tum

A *f* fruc - tum su - um. *mp* fruc - tum su - um. *mf* fruc - tum su - um. fruc -

T *f* fruc - tum su - um. *mp* fruc - tum su - um. fruc - tum su -

B *f* fruc - tum su - um. *mp* fruc - tum su - um. fruc - tum su - um.

Pno. Red. *f* *mp*

40

S su - um. fruc - tum su - um.

A tum su um. fruc - tum su um.

T um. fruc - tum su - um. fruc - tum su - um.

B fruc - tum su - um. fruc - tum su - um.

Pno. Red.

JERUSALEM SURGE

Arise, Jerusalem, and stand on high; and see the joy that shall come to you from your God.

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Bar 5:5; 4:36

~8 seconds

~8 seconds

~8 seconds

Stagger entrances ad libitum, each singer in their own rhythm (not together)

p

continue repeating

Soprano

Stagger entrances ad libitum, each singer in their own rhythm (not together)

p

continue repeating

Alto

Je - ru - sa - lem

Stagger entrances ad libitum, each singer in their own rhythm (not together)

p

Tenor

Je - ru - sa - lem

Stagger entrances ad libitum, each singer in their own rhythm (not together)

p

Bass

Je - ru - sa - lem

play once then repeat randomly, continue repeating until the end of the section.

~8 seconds

~8 seconds

~8 seconds

Keyboard Reduction

p ad lib.col. voci (aleatoric)

Je - ru - sa - lem

simile

$\text{♩} = 80$

f

S

sur - ge, sur - ge, sur - ge,

A

sur - ge, sur - ge, sur - ge,

T

sur - ge, sur - ge, sur - ge,

B

sur - ge, sur - ge, sur - ge,

$\text{♩} = 80$

Pno. Red.

f

JERUSALEM SURGE, p. 6

simile ~4 seconds *p* ~4 seconds

S et sta in ex-cel-so: et vi-de ju-cun-di - ta - tem, *simile* *p*

A et sta in ex-cel-so: et vi-de ju-cun-di - ta - tem,

T

B

Pno. Red. *simile* ~4 seconds ~4 seconds

$\text{♩} = 60$ continue repeating $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

S continue repeating

A continue repeating

T *mf* et sta in ex - cel - so: et vi - de

B *mf* et sta in ex - cel - so: et vi - de

Pno. Red. $\text{♩} = 60$ $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

19 *f* $\text{♩} = 60$

S ju - cun - di - ta - tem, ju - cun - di - ta - tem,

A ju - cun - di - ta - tem, ju - cun - di - ta - tem,

T ju - cun - di - ta - tem, ju - cun - di - ta - tem,

B ju - cun - di - ta - tem, ju - cun - di - ta -

Pno. Red. *f* $\text{♩} = 60$

25 $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

S ju - cun - di - ta - tem, ju - cun - di - ta - tem,

A ju - cun - di - ta - tem, ju - cun - di - ta - tem,

T ju - cun - di - ta - tem, ju - cun - di - ta - tem,

B tem, ju - cun - di - ta - tem, ju - cun - di - ta - tem,

Pno. Red. $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

JERUSALEM SURGE, p. 8

31 $\text{♩} = 60$ *mf* ~4 seconds

S
 quae ve - ni - et ti - bi ti - bi a De - o De - o tu - o. *p simile*

A
 quae ve - ni - et ti - bi *mf*

T
 quae ve - ni - et ti - bi ti - bi *mf*

B
 quae ve - ni - et ti - bi *mf*

Pno. Red. $\text{♩} = 60$ *mf* ~4 seconds *simile*

37 ~4 seconds ~4 seconds ~8 seconds

S *p simile*

A
 a De - o De - o tu - o. *p simile*

T
 a De - o tu - o. *p simile*

B
 a De - o tu - o. a De - o tu - o. *p simile*

Pno. Red. ~4 seconds ~4 seconds ~8 seconds *p*

DICITE PUSILLANIMES

Say to them that are fearful, be comforted and fear not:
behold, our God will come and save us.

Is 35:4

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Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Keyboard Reduction. The score is in 3/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 52. It features dynamics such as *p*, *lunga*, and *mf*. The lyrics are: "Di - ci - Di - ci - te: Pu-sil-".

Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano Reduction. The score starts at measure 5 and features dynamics such as *mp*. The lyrics are: "la - nim - es Di - ci - te: Pu - sil - la - nim - es".

poco meno $\text{♩} = 46$ *p*

S
con - for - ta - mi - ni, con - for - ta - mi - ni,

A
con - for - ta - mi - ni, con - for - ta - mi - ni,

T
con - for - ta - mi - ni, con - for - ta - mi - ni,

B
con - for - ta - mi - ni, con - for - ta - mi - ni,

Pno. Red.

14 *mf* *mp*

S
con - for - ta - mi - ni, et no - li - te

A
con - for - ta - mi - ni, et no - li - te ti - me - re:

T
con - for - ta - mi - ni, et no - li - te ti - me - re:

B
con - for - ta - mi - ni,

Pno. Red.

19

S ti - me - re: _____ no - li - te _____ ti - me - re: _____

A _____ no - li - te _____ ti - me - re: _____

T 8 no - li - te _____ ti - me - re: _____

B *mf* et no - li - te _____ ti - me - re: _____

Pno. Red. 19 solo

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 19-21. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'ti - me - re: no - li - te ti - me - re:'. The piano part includes triplets and is marked 'solo'. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time.

Tempo I $\text{♩} = 52$

22

S *f* ec - ce De - us nos - ter _____

A *f* ec - ce De - us nos - ter _____

T 8 *f* ec - ce De - us nos - ter _____

B *f* ec - ce De - us nos - ter _____

Pno. Red. 22 *f*

Tempo I $\text{♩} = 52$

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 22-24. It features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'ec - ce De - us nos - ter'. The piano part is marked 'f' and includes a tempo marking 'Tempo I' with a quarter note equal to 52. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time.

26

p *mp* *mf*

S ve - ni - et, ve - ni - et, et,

A ve - ni - et, ve - ni - et, et,

T ve - ni - et, ve - ni - et, et,

B ve - ni - et, ve - ni - et, et,

Pno. *p* *mp* *mf*

Red.

30

f

S et sal - va - bit nos. et sal - va - bit nos.

A et sal - va - bit nos. et sal - va - bit

T et sal - va - bit nos. et sal -

B et sal - va - bit nos.

Pno. *f*

Red.

34

S
et sal - va - bit nos.

A
nos. et sal - va - bit nos.

T
8 va - bit nos. et sal - va - bit nos.

B
et sal - va - bit nos. et

Pno. Red.

37

S
et sal - va - bit nos. *poco rit.* **mp**

A
et sal - va - bit nos. **mp**

T
8 et sal - va - bit nos. **mp**

B
sal - va - bit nos. **mp**

Pno. Red.

ECCE VIRGO CONCIPIET

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

Psalm 84:13

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♩ = 80

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard Reduction

p *mp* *mf*

Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go

mp *mf*

Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go

mf

Ec - ce vir - go

p *mp* *mf*

mf

S

A

T

B

Pno. Red.

Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go

Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go

Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go

Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go

S *f* con - ci - pi - et, con - ci - pi - et, *meno mosso* $\text{♩} = 69$ *mf* Ec - ce
 A *f* con - ci - pi - et, con - ci - pi - et, *mf* Ec - ce vir -
 T *f* con - ci - pi - et, con - ci - pi - et, *mf*
 B *f* con - ci - pi - et, con - ci - pi - et, *mf* Ec - ce vir - go con -
 Pno. *f* *meno mosso* $\text{♩} = 69$ *mf*
 Red.

S vir - go Ec - ce vir - go con - ci - pi - et,
 A go con - ci - pi - et, *mf* Ec - ce vir - go
 T *mf* Ec - ce vir - go Ec - ce vir - go con - ci - pi - et,
 B ci - pi - et, Ec - ce vir - go
 Pno. *mf*
 Red.

22 *mp*

S pa - tri-et _____ fi - li-um: _____ pa - tri-et _____ fi - li-um: _____

A *mp*
pa - tri-et _____ fi - li-um: _____ pa - tri-et _____ fi - li-um: _____

T *mp*
pa - tri-et _____ fi - li-um: _____ pa - tri-et _____ fi - li-um: _____

B *mp*
pa - tri-et _____ fi - li-um: _____ pa - tri-et _____ fi - li-um: _____

Pno. *mp*

Red.

Tempo I ♩ = 80

30 *p* *mp*

S et vo - ca - bi - tur _____ no - men e - ius no - men e - ius no - men e - ius no - men e - ius

A *mp*
et vo - ca - bi - tur _____ no - men e - ius no - men e - ius

T *p*
et vo - ca - bi - tur _____

B *mp*
et vo - ca - bi - tur _____

Pno. *p* *mp*

Red.

37 *mf*

S no - men e - ius no - men e - ius

A *mf*
no - men e - ius no - men e - ius

T *mf*
no - men e - ius no - men e - ius

B *mf*
no - men e - ius

Pno. Red. *mf*

43 *f*

S Em - ma - nu - el. Em - ma - nu - el. Em - ma - nu - el.

A *f*
Em - ma - nu - el. Em - ma - nu - el. Em - ma - nu - el.

T *f*
Em - ma - nu - el. Em - ma - nu - el. Em - ma - nu - el.

B *f*
Em - ma - nu - el. Em - ma - nu - el. Em - ma - nu - el.

Pno. Red. *f*

50

S
Em - ma - nu-el. _____ Em - ma - nu-el. _____ Em - ma - nu-el. _____

A
Em - ma - nu-el. _____ Em - ma - nu-el. _____ Em - ma - nu-el. _____

T
8
Em - ma - nu-el. _____ Em - ma - nu-el. _____ Em - ma - nu-el. _____

B
Em - ma - nu-el. _____ Em - ma - nu-el. _____ Em - ma - nu-el. _____

Pno.
Red.

57

S
p
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. *p* Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

A
p
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

T
8
p
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

B
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Pno.
Red.
p

ECCE VIRGO CONCIPLET, p. 20

61 *senza rit.*

S
Al - le - lu - ia. 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

T
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

B
p
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

61 *senza rit.*

Pno.
Red.