

O magnum mysterium

Responsory for matins on Christmas day

Cantus II (part 2 of 6)

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Liber primus motettorum (Valerio e Dorico press, Rome, 1569)

The musical score for Cantus II of "O magnum mysterium" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina is presented in ten staves. The music is in G clef, 4/4 time, and common time. The lyrics are written below each staff, with measure numbers indicating specific notes or sections of the composition.

Measure numbers visible in the score include:

- 5, 10, 15, 3, 20, 25, 4, 30, 1, 35, 1, 40, 45, 50, 3, 55, 60, 65, 3, 70, 75.

The lyrics correspond to the Latin text of the responsory:

O magnum mysterium
magnum myste - ri - um, o ma -
gnum my - ste - ri - um et ad - mi - ra - bi - le sa - cra - men -
tum, ut a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de-rent Do - mi -
num na - tum ja - cen - tem in præ - se -
pi - o, in præ - se - pi - o. Na -
tum vi - di - mus et cho - ros an - ge - lo - rum, et cho - ros an -
ge - lo - rum, et cho - ros an - ge - lo - rum, col - lau -
dan - tes Do - mi - num, col - lau - dan - tes Do - mi - num. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia.