

O magnum mysterium

Responsory for matins on Christmas day

Bassus (part 6 of 6)

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

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

The musical score for "O magnum mysterium" consists of six staves of basso continuo music. The music is in common time, with key changes indicated by Roman numerals (1, 2, 3, 5) and a change to 3/2 time at measure 65. The lyrics are written below the notes. Measure numbers are provided on the left side of each staff.

Measures 1-10: O, O magnum my - ste - - -
- ri - um et ad - mi - ra - bi - le sa - cra - men - tum,

Measures 11-20: 10 20 25 ut a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de-rent Do - mi - num na - tum ja -
cen - tem in præ - se - pi - o. Na - tum vi - di - mus

Measures 21-30: 35 2 40 et cho - ros an - - ge - lo - rum, et cho - ros

Measures 31-40: 45 50 55 an - ge - lo - rum, col - lau - dan - tes Do - mi - num , col - lau - dan -

Measures 41-50: 60 tes Do - mi - - - - num. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Measures 51-60: 65 70 75 ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - - - - lu - ia.