

Ave verum corpus

Feast of Corpus Christi

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Gradualia ac cantiones sacre, liber primus (Thomas East press, London, 1605)

Superius A - ve ve - rum cor - - pus, na - tum de Ma - ri - 5

Medius A - ve ve - rum cor - - pus, na - tum de Ma - ri -

Tenor A - ve ve - rum cor - - pus, na - tum de Ma - ri -

Bassus A - ve ve - rum cor - - pus, na - tum de Ma - ri - a

- a Vir - gi - ne: ve - re pas - sum, im - mo-la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi - 10

- a Vir - gi - ne: ve - re pas - sum, im - mo-la - tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi -

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ne: Cu - ius la - tus per - fo - ra - tum un - da flux - it san-gui-ne, san - gu - ne. E - 15

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Ave verum corpus: (score)

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- sto no - bis præ - gu - sta-tum, in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O dul - cis! O pi -
 - sto no - bis præ - gu - sta-tum, in mor - tis, in mor - tis ex - a - mi-ne. O dul - cis! O
 sto no - bis præ-gu - sta-tum, in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O dul - cis! O
 - sto no - bis præ - gu - sta-tum, in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O dul - cis! O

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e! O Je - su, fi - li Ma - ri - æ. Mi - se-re-re me -
 pi - e! O Je - su, fi - li Ma - ri - æ. Mi - se-re-re me - i, mi - se-re-re,
 pi - e! O Je - su, fi - li Ma - ri - æ. Mi - se-re-re me - i, mi - se -
 pi - e! O Je - su, fi - li Ma - ri - æ. Mi - se-re-re me - i,

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i, mi - se-re - re me - i, me - i. O dul - cis! O pi -
 mi - se-re - re me - i, Mi - se-re - re, mi - se - re - re me - i, O dul - cis! O
 re - re me - i, me - i, mi - se-re - re me - i. O dul - cis! O
 mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se-re - re me - i. O dul - cis! O

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e! O Je - su, fi - li Ma - ri - - æ. Mi - se-re-re me -

pi - e! O Je - su, fi - li Ma - ri - - æ. Mi - se-re-re me - i, mi - se-re-re,-

pi - e! O Je - su, fi - li Ma - ri - - æ. Mi - se-re-re me - i, mi - se-re-re,-

pi - e! O Je - su, fi - li Ma - ri - - æ. Mi - se-re-re me - i, Mi - se-re-re me - i,

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i, mi - se-re - re me - i, me - - i. A - - men.

mi - se-re - re me - i, Mi - se-re - re, mi - se - re - re me - i, A - - men.

re - re me - i, me - i, mi - se-re - re me - i. A - - men.

mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se-re - re me - - i. A - - men.

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Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis prægustatum, in mortis examine.
O dulcis! O pie! O Jesu, fili Mariæ.
Miserere mei.
Amen.

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary
The same that suffered and was sacrificed on the cross for humankind,
Whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood.
Let us taste of Thee in the trial of death.
O sweet, O gentle, O Jesus, Mary's Son,
Have mercy on me.
Amen.

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