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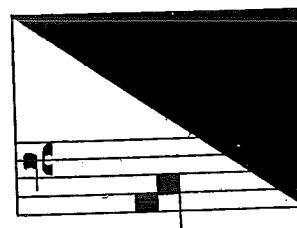
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Missa Dominica

Kyrie

[Leroy]

5 (8) 15
10 15
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son.
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Ky - ri - e
Ky - ri - e
Ky - ri - e
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e - lei - e - lei - e - lei -
son.
son.
son.
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35
Chri - ste - e
lei - son.
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Chri - ste - e - lei -
Chri - ste - e - lei -
Chri - ste - e - lei -
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Chri - ste - e - lei -
Chri - ste - e - lei -
Chri - ste - e - lei -

2.

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son.
son.
son.

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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Ky - ri - e e -
Ky - ri - e e -
Ky - ri - e e -

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lei - son.
lei - son.
lei - son.

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax
ho - mi - ni - bus bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis.

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Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci - mus te. A - do - ra -
Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci - mus te. A - do - ra -
Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci - mus te. A - do - ra -

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mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus
mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus
mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus

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te.
te.
te.

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Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus bi pro - pter ma
gnam glo 35 ri - am tu 40 am,

Do - mi - ne De - us, rex cae - le - stis, De - us,
Do - mi - ne De - us, rex cae - le - stis, De - us,

45

ter o - mini po tens.
Pa - ter o - mini po tens.

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Do - mi - ne Fi - li w - ni - ge ni - te, Je -
55 su Chri - ste,

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Do - mi - ne De - us, A - gnu - s De - i, Fi - li
 Do - mi - ne De - us, A - gnu - s De - i, Fi - li
 Do - mi - ne De - us, A - gnu - s De - i, Fi - li

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us Pa - tris;
 us Pa - tris,
 us Pa - tris,

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Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - no 85
 di, mi - se - re - re bis.

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Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, su - sci - pe
 Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,

95

de - pre - ca - ti - o nem no
 su - sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - o nem no

100

stram.
 stram.

105

Qui se - des ad dex te - ram
 110 Pa - tris, mi - se re - re no - bis.
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120

Quo ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus,
 Quo ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus,
 Quo ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus,

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Tu so - lus Do - mi - nus, Tu so -
 130 lus al - tis - si - mus, Je - su Chri - ste

135

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri -
 Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri -
 Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De -

140

a De - i Pa - tris. A
 a De - i Pa - tris. A
 Pa - tris. A

145

men.
 men.
 men.

Alleluya

Al - le - lu - ya.

Al - le - lu - 5

Al - le - lu -

Al - le - lu -

Al - le - lu -

10

ya.

ya.

ya.

V.

Ob - ti - ne sa - cris pre -

ci - bus, pi - a De - i ge -

ni - trix, ve - ni - am de -

li - cto - rum tu - is

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sup - pli - ci

sup - pli - ci

sup - pli - ci

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bus.
bus.
bus.

Al-le-ya.

Sequentia

A - ve, præ - cla - ra ma - ris stel - la, in lu - cem gen - ti - um Ma - ri - a di - vi - ni - tus or - ta.

Eu - ge, cæ - li por - ta, quæ non a - per - ta
Eu - ge, cæ - li por - ta, quæ non a - per - ta
Eu - ge, cæ - li por - ta, quæ non a - per - ta ve - ri - ta -

ve - ri - ta - tis lu - men ip - sum so - lem ju - sti - ti - æ in - du -
ve - ri - ta - tis lu - men ip - sum so - lem ju - sti - ti - æ in - du -
tis lu - men ip - sum so - lem ju - sti - ti - æ in - du - tum

tum car - ne du - cis in or - bem.
tum car - ne du - cis in or - bem.
car - ne du - cis in or - bem.

8 Virgo, de - eus mun- dt, re- gi- na cae- li, pree- e- lec- ta ut sol,
 8 pul- chra lu- na- ris ut ful- gor, a- gno- sce o- mines te di- li- gen- tes.

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 Te, ple - nam fi - de, vir - gam al - mæ stir - pis Jes - se,
 vir - gam al - mæ stir - pis Jes - se, na - sci - tu - ram
 Te, ple - nam fi - de, na - sci - tu - ram

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 de - si - de - ra - ve runt pa - tres et pro - phe - tæ.
 pri - o - res de - si - de - ra - ve runt pa - tres et pro - phe - tæ.
 ram pri - o - res de - si - de - ra - ve runt pa - tres et pro - phe - tæ.

Te, li - gnum vi - tae, Sa - cro ro - ran - te Pneu - ma - te pa - ri - tu - ram
 di - vi - ni flo - ris a - myg - da - lum si - gna - vit Ga - brl - el;

25
 tu, a - gnum, re - gem, ter - ræ do - mi - na - to - rem, Mo - a - bi - ti - ci
 tu, a - gnum, re - gem, ter - ræ do - mi - na - to - rem, Mo - a - bi - ti -

30
 de pe - tra de - ser - ti ad mon - tem fi - li - æ Si - on trans - dux - i - sti;
 ci de pe - tra de - ser - ti ad mon - tem fi - li - æ Si - on trans - dux - i - sti;

8 te que fu - ren - tem le - vi - a - than ser - pen - tem, tor - tu - o - sum - que et
 vec - tem col - li - dens dam - no - sum cri - mi - ne mun - dum ex - e - mi - sti.

Hinc gen - ti - um nos re - li - qui - æ,
 Hinc gen - ti - um nos re - li - qui - æ,
 Hinc gen - ti - um nos re - li - qui - æ,

tu - æ sub cul - tu me - mo - ri - ae.

35
 Mi - rum in mo - dum, quem es e - ni - xa pro - pi - ti - a - ti - o - nis
 Mi - rum in mo - dum, quem es e - ni - xa pro - pi - ti - a - ti - o - nis

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 a - gnum, re - gnan - tem cæ - lo e - ter-na - li - ter, re - vo - ca - mus
 a - gnum, re - gnan - tem cæ - lo e - ter-na - li - ter, re - vo - ca -

45
 ad a - ram ma - ctan - dum my - ste - ri - a - li - ter.
 mus ad a - ram ma - ctan - dum my - ste - ri - a - li - ter.

Hic man - na ve - rum Is - ra - e - li - tis,

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ve - ris ve - ri A - bra - hæ fi - li is
ve - ris ve - ri A - bra - hæ fi - li is
ve - ris ve - ri A - bra - hæ fi - li is

Ad - mi - ran - ti - bus qoun - dam Moy - si quod ty - pus fi - gu - ra - bat
jam nunc ab - du - cto ve - lo da - tur per - spi - cl. O - ra
vir - go nos ll - lo pa - ne cae - li dl - gnos ef - fi - cl.

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Fac i - gni san - cto Pa - tris - que Ver - bo, quod ru - bus ut flam - mam tu por -
Fac i - gni san - cto Pa - tris - que Ver - bo, quod ru - bus ut flam - mam tu por -
Fac i - gni san - cto Pa - tris - que Ver - bo, quod ru - bus ut flam - mam tu por - ta

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ta - sti, vir - go ma - ter fa - cta, pe - cu-a - li pel - le di - stin - cto pe -
ta - sti, vir - go ma - ter fa - cta, pe - cu-a - li pel - le di - stin - cto pe -
ta - sti, vir - go ma - ter fa - cta, pe - cu-a - li di - stin - cto pe - de

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de mun - dis la - bi - is cor - de - que pro - pin - qua - re.
mun - dis la - bi - is cor - de - que pro - pin - qua - re.
mun - dis la - bi - is cor - de - que pro - pin - qua - re.

Fac fon - tem dul - cem quem in de - ser - to pe - tra p - rae - mon - stra - vlt,
de - gu - sta - re, quam sin - ce - ra fi - de re - nès - que suc - cin - gi
lo - tos in ma - ri an - guem ae - ne - um in - cru - ce spe - cu - la - ri.

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Au - di nos, nam te Fi - li - us ni - hil ne - gans ho - no - rat.
 Au - di nos, nam te Fi - li - us ni - hil ne - gans ho - no - rat.
 Au - di nos, nam te Fi - li - us ni - hil ne - gans ho - no - rat.

Sal - va nos, Je - su, pro qui - bus vir - go ma - ter te o - rat.

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Da fon - tem vi - te vi - se re; da pu - ros men - tes o -

Da fon - tem vi - te vi - se re; da pu - ros men - tes o - cu - los in

80

eu - los in te de fi - ge re.

te de fi - ge re.

Chri - sti - a - nis - si - mi fi - dem o - pe - ri - bus re - di - me - re; be - a - to - que fi - ne

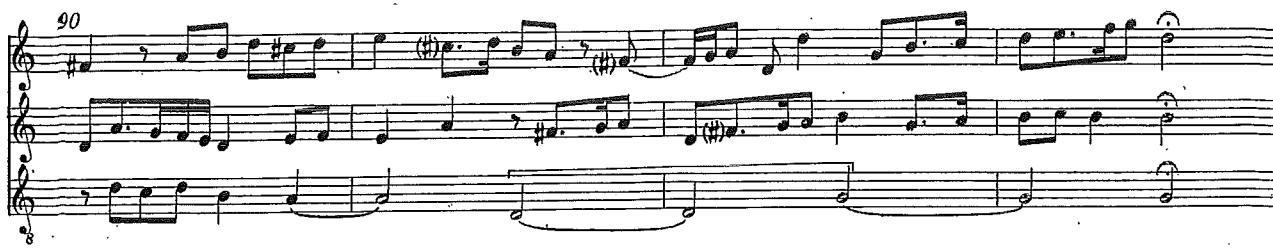
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Ex hu - jus in - co - la - tu, sæ - cu - li auc - tor,
 Ex hu - jus in - co - la - tu, sæ - cu - li auc - tor,
 Ex hu - jus in - co - la - tu, sæ - cu - li auc - tor,

ad te tran - si - re.

ad te tran - si - re.

ad te tran - si - re.



Credo

90

Credo in u - num De - um, Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem,
fa - cto - rem cæ - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um
10 mui - um et in - vi - si - bi - li - um.

15

Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je -
Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je -
Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je -

20

sum Chri - stum, Fi - li - um De -
sum Chri - stum, Fi - li - um De -
sum Chri - stum, Fi - li - um De -

25

i u - ni - ge - ni - tum,
i u - ni - ge - ni - tum,
i u - ni - ge - ni - tum,

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Et ex Pa - tre na - tum an - te o - mni - a sae - cu - la: De - um de De -
o, Lu - men de Lu - mi - ne, De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro,

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Ge - ni - tum non fa - ctum; con - sub - stan - ti - .
 Ge - ni - tum non fa - ctum, con - sub - stan - ti - a
 Ge - ni - tum non fa - ctum, con - sub - stan - ti - a

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a lem Pa - tri, per
 lem Pa - tri, per quem
 lem Pa - tri, per quem

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quem o - mni - a fa - cta sunt.
 o - mni - a fa - cta sunt.
 Pa - tri, per quem o - mni - a fa - cta sunt.

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Qui pro - pter nos ho - mi - nes et pro - pter no - stram sa - lu - tem de - scen - dit de cae - lis,

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Et in car - na - tus est de Spi - ri - tu San -
 Et in car - na - tus est de Spi - ri - tu San -

75

cto ex Ma - ri - a vir - gi - ne, et
 cto ex Ma - ri - a vir - gi - ne, et ho - mo

ho - mo fa - cus est. Cru-ci - fi - xus e - ti - am pro no -
 fa - cus est.

80 bis sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la
 bis sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la

85 to, pas - sus et se - pul - tus est.
 to, pas - sus et se - pul - tus est.

90 Et ré - sur - re - xit ter - ti - a di - e se - cun - dum scri - ptu - ras,

95 Et a - scen - dit in cæ - lum, se - det ad dex-te - ram Pa - tris,
 Et a - scen - dit in cæ - lum, se - det ad dex-te - ram Pa - tris,
 Et a - scen - dit in cæ - lum, se - det ad dex-te - ram Pa - tris,

100 Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a - ju - di - ca - re
 vi - vos et mor - tu - os, Cu - jus re - gni non e - rit fi - nts.

105

110

Et in Spi - ri - tum San - ctum Do - mi - num et vi - vi - fi - can - tem, Qui ex
 Et in Spi - ri - tum San - ctum Do - mi - num et vi - vi - fi - can - tem,

115

Pa - tre Fi - li - o que pro - ce dit,
 Qui ex Pa - tre Fi - li - o que pro - ce dit,
120
 Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o si - mul a - do - ra - tur et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur, Qui to - cu - tus est per pro - phe - tas.

 Et u - nam san - ctam Ca - tho - li - cani et A - po - sto - li - cani
 Et u - nam san - ctam Ca - tho - li - cani et
125
 Ec - cle - si am.
 A - po - sto - li - cani Ec - cle - si am.

130
 Con - fite - or u - num ba - pti - sma in re - mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum,

135
 Et ex - spe - cto re - sur - re - cti - o -
 Et ex - spe - cto re - sur - re - cti - o - nem
 Et ex - spe - cto re - sur - re - cti -
140
 nem mor - tu - o rum,
 mor - tu - o rum,
 o - nem mor - tu - o rum,
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150
 Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - eu - li.. A men.

Offertorium

Fe- lix nam- que es, sa- cra
 vir- go Ma- ri- a, et o- mni-
 lau- de di- gnis- si- ma: qui- a ex te
 or- tus est sol ju- sti- ti- ae Chri- stus
 De- ius no- ster al- le- lu- ya.

Sanctus

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San ctus, San ctus, San

San

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San

ctus, San

ctus,

15

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ctus, Do - mi - nus De
ctus, Do - mi - nus De
Do - mi - nus De

25

us Sa
us Sa
us Sa

30

ba
ba
ba

35

oth; Ple
oth; Ple
oth;

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nl sunt cæ
nl sunt cæ

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li et ter
li et ter

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a

55

tu

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65

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san

75

O san

na

80

In ex cel
In ex cel
In ex cel

85

sis;
sis;
sis;

Benedictus

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Be
Be ne.

95

di
di

100

qui
etus qui
etus

105

ve
ve

110

nit in
nit
in no - mi

115

no - mi - ne
Do
Do mi - ne

120

mi

125

ni;
O
O ni;

130

san
san
san

135

na
na
na

140

in ex cel

in ex cel

cel

cel

150

sis.

sis.

sis.

Agnus Dei

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Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei

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qui tollis pecca-ti,

qui tollis pecca-ti

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ta mun

ta mun

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di: mi se re

di: mi se re

25

re

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no

no

no

35

bis. A

bis. A

bis.

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gnus De i, qui tol lis pec ca

gnus De i,

qui tol lis pec ca ta mun

45

ta mun di: mi se re

mi se re

di: mi se re

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re
re
re

55
no
no
no
no

60
no
no
no
no

65
no
no
no
no

70
gnus
gnus
gnus
gnus
gnus

75
De
De
De
De
De

75

qui tol - lis pec -
ca - ta mun - na no - pa

80

do
di: do
dt: do

85

bis
na no bis pa
na no bis

90

pa cem.
pa cem.
pa cem.

Communio

Beata vi-sce-ra Ma-ri-a
vir-gi-nis: quae por-ta-ve-run-tae-ter-nit
Pa-tris Fi-li-um.

In Adventu Domini: Offertorium

A ve Ma - ri -
a, gra - ti - a ple - na, Do -
te - cum: be - ne - di - cta tu in mu -
ll - e - ri - bus et be - ne - di - ctus
fru - ctus ven - tris tu - i.

Communio

Ec - ce vir - go con - ci - pi - et et pa -
ri - et Fi - li - um et vo - ca - bl - tur
no - men e - jus Em - ma - na - el.

In tempore natale Domini: Offertorium

Of - fe - ren - tur re - gi vir - gi - nes
post e - ami pro - xi - mae e - jus of - fe -
ren - tur ti - bi.

Communio

Dif - fu - sa est gra - ti - a in la - bi - is tu -
is t. pro - pte - re - a be - ne - di - xit te
De - us in ae - ter - num.

Appendix

[A Purificatione usque ad Adventum Domini:] Offertorium

Roy. App. 48 ff. 25 - 27v

Fel - lic nam que es, sa - cra
 vir - go Ma - ri - a
 et o - mni lau - de dl - gnis - si - ma:
 qui - a ex te or - tus est sol ju -
 sti - ti - ae Chri - stus De -
 us no - ster, al - le -
 lu - ya.

Communio

Be - a - ta vi - sce - ra Ma - ri - ae vir - gt - nis
 quae por - ta - ve - runt ae - ter -
 ni Pa - tris Fi - li - um.

In tempore Paschali: Communio

Ve - ra fi - des Ge - ni - ti pur - ga - vit cri -
 ml - na mun - dl: et tl - bi vir - gi - ni - tas in -
 vi - o - la - ta ma - net, al - le - lu - ya,
 al - le - lu - ya.

CRITICAL NOTES

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

Symbols:

Ligatures and coloration are indicated in the usual manner $\overline{\overline{L}}$ and \overline{L} respectively.

Notation of the edition:

Reduction is by 4; barring is regular. Within the measure the notes are grouped so as to preserve, in general, the basic metrical feeling equivalent to the mensural signs of the MS. But considerable rhythmic flexibility and subtlety are indicated by the melodic contours of the music and the underlay of the text in the MSS and an attempt has been made to reflect this in the modern notation by varying the beaming of quavers and semiquavers. It hardly needs restating that the bar-line does not imply accentuation; the rhythmic interest of this music is to be drawn out by strict observance of note values and sensitivity to the implications of melodic contour rather than by the imposition of a pattern of metrical stress in the modern sense.

Accidentals:

The accidentals are those found in the MSS, which appear to have been inserted with care and consistency. They bear out the principles derived by Dr. Frank Harrison from his study of English medieval music and sensibly stated in the Notes accompanying his edition of the *Eton Choirbook*, Vol. I (*Musica Britannica* Vol. X), p. xxi. In summary these principles are as follows:

1. Accidentals are valid only for the line on which they occur, but are apparently in effect on that line until cancelled.

2. Polyphonic voice parts are independent; accidentals in one part are not to be taken as transferable to another.

3. Accidentals apply to the pitch indicated alone, not to the octaves thereof.

4. The editorial practice of raising leading notes is by no means above question, at least with regard to English music of this period, and has not been followed in this edition. At the same time, this music of Ludford supports the observation made by Harrison in connection with the *Eton Choirbook* that "the general evidence points unmistakably to a concern for the sharpening of the minor third in the final chord rather than of the leading note in the penultimate chord."

In this edition the accidental as it occurs in the MS is printed normally in its position before the first note affected. Subsequent notes of that pitch affected by the same accidental are indicated by repeating the accidental in parentheses. The very few accidentals which are editorially supplied are, in accordance with customary usage, placed above the note.

Text and Underlay:

The spelling and punctuation of the text has been modernized in accordance with the *Missale ad Usum Insignis et Praeclarae Ecclesiae Sarum*, ed. F. H. Dickinson, (Burntisland, 1861-83). The manuscript gives evidence of great care in the underlay of the text, and this has been reproduced as exactly as possible in the edition. In the soloist's part the underlay of the missing text (printed in italic type) has presented certain problems. For the sections of the Proper the underlay of the plainsong is as nearly as possible (with allowance for a few individual features of Ludford's versions of plainsong) in accordance with the Sarum Graduals. However, in the sections of the Ordinary certain difficulties arise which are, of course, bound up with the whole problem of manner of performance, *viz.*, whether the solo part is vocal or instrumental, discussed in detail elsewhere. In the Kyrie an extra vowel "e" has been inserted to adapt "Kyryeleyson" and "Christéleyson" to modern practice. In the Gloria and Credo movements the missing text has been fitted to the notes as best possible. As one would expect, it is in the Credo that there appears to be too much text for the amount of music provided. It is possible that this disparity was accommodated by omitting sections of the text in accordance with a well-established English custom. However, to make the edition suitable for modern liturgical use the complete text has been fitted to its Procrustean bed, with small rhythmical symbols above the staff suggesting a pattern of declamation where necessary. That this should necessitate the frequent subdivision of long note-values and ligatures, though unusual, appears amply justified by the example of other Tudor mass music.¹

Plainsong Melodies:

As has been mentioned, the plainsong melodies as given by Ludford show some discrepancies

1. See my article "On the Performance of Ludford's *alternativum* Masses", *op. cit.*

from the usual Sarum versions, some no more than differences of ligature, others of pitch and phrase. It is difficult to determine how significant these variant readings might be since there are frequently minor differences between various MS copies and different printed editions of the Sarum liturgical books. Some of Ludford's variants are probably mistakes due perhaps to writing from memory or simply to carelessness; others, however, suggest genuine variant readings. In the hope that they may provide a clue to the source used by Ludford in the composition of this important set of masses the plainsong melodies have been printed exactly as they appear in the MS.

Gloria and Credo Intonations:

The celebrant's intonations for the Gloria and Credo movements do not, of course, appear in the MS. The Gloria intonations, different for each day of the week, are taken from the printed Sarum Gradual (Paris, 1532) where the rubric reads: "In festo duplice et in diebus dominicis extra adventum et nisi a septagesima usque ad pascha ad missam beatae Mariae in capella eiusdem dicitur hic cantus." The Sarum Use had only one Credo melody hence the same intonation of *Credo in unum Deum* is used for all masses. A curious feature of these Credo settings by Ludford, however, is that the five *alternatim* settings begin at *Factorem caeli et terrae*, leaving the words *Patrem omnipotentem* unaccounted for. This is something of a liturgical mystery for which no completely satisfactory explanation can as yet be provided. It seems most probable, however, that the plainsong was taken up by the ruler of the choir at the words *Patrem, omnipotentem* before proceeding to the borrowed *cantus firmus* (the "square") at *Factorem caeli*. This is perhaps a recognition on the part of the composer of the musical phraseology of the plainsong Credo in which the words *Credo in unum Deum Patrem omnipotentem* are clearly one musical phrase, *Factorem caeli* beginning the next.²

CRITICAL COMMENTARY

Abbreviations: Tr: Triplex (MS Roy. App. 47)
M: Medius (MS Roy. App. 46)
T: Tenor (MS Roy. App. 45)
So: Soloist (MS Roy. App. 48)

Missa Dominica

Sanctus: mm. 33-34, M, the coloration figure

 has been transcribed as  rather than  to imitate the rhythmic lead provided by the Tr in m. 33. (See also M. feria v, Agnus).

Missa feria ii

Agnus: M, m. 59 mistakenly repeated in MS.

Missa feria iii

Credo: m. 121, M, mensuration sign C omitted.
Agnus: m. 66, T, mensuration sign O omitted.

Missa feria iv

Sequence: m. 51, M, note c written as semibreve in MS but corrected to a breve by a dot over the note ( = ).

Sanctus: m. 11, T, passage corrupt (notice X in margin of f. 32^v); crotchet g and quaver rest editorially supplied.

Agnus: m. 63, M, note f missing at beginning of a line in MS but indicated by a *custos* at end of previous line.

Missa feria v

Kyrie: B-flats written in as accidentals to begin with, becoming incorporated into signature subsequently.

Agnus: mm. 35-36, T, coloration figure   transcribed as   rather than   to match rhythm of M.

Missa feria vi

Sequence: First line of So has text *Ave virgo singularis* which is actually the second verse of this Sequence. It is perhaps just possible that the mistake occurred because the copyist used a Sarum Gradual such as the printed edition of 1527 (e.g. Oxford, Bodleian Lib. Gough Missal 35) in which the first verse of this Sequence *Ave, mundi spes, Maria; ave, mitis, ave, pia, ave, plena gratia;* is given at the bottom of the *verso* of one folio, the rest of the Sequence beginning *Ave, virgo singularis* being on the *recto* of the succeeding folio.

Credo: m. 95, T, two superfluous breve rests in MS.

m. 107, M, quaver b-flat appears as crotchet in MS (i.e., a semibreve in original notation).

Benedictus: T, notice X in margin of f. 52^v calling attention to missing syllable "-cel-" of "excelsis".

2. See Apel, W., *Gregorian Chant*, Bloomington, Ind., Indiana University Press, 1958, p. 414.