# ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

# Antonio Lotti

(1667 - 1740)

## **Nisi Dominus**

Edited by

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For SATB choir and soli 2 violins, viola, bass and keyboard continuo

**SCORE** 



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## **EDITORIAL NOTES**

Source: Austria, Göttweig Abbey, (A-GÖ: MS 2039), an 18<sup>th</sup>-century set of parts for S, A, B, Vln 1, Vln 2, Vla, Org.

The source contains a great many obvious errors, such as missing notes, duplicated bars, and basic mistakes of harmony. Likely corrections can be easily ascertained, either from repeated material, the prevailing rhythmic texture, obvious harmonic requirements, and a familiarity with Lotti's idiom from similar material in other works. Corrections have been kept to a minimum necessary in order to provide an edition suitable for performance.

A realisation of the organ bass has been provided in the right hand. The instrumental Basso part has been created as a duplicate of the organ bass.

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Viola, 7: Source lacks the final note.

Soprano, 8: The last note is missing.

Viola, 22: The source has only has one note, on beat 1, but the identical passage in *Sicut erat* (bar 20) has a note on beat 3, which seems likely.

Violin 1, 42: Fourth note is F in source; changed to E.

#### Vanum est vobis

Violin 1, 5: Source has D for final note; changed to C. Alternatively, the D could be on the first beat of the next bar. Soprano, 12: Bars 12-15 have been missed out in the source, and written at the bottom of the page.

Violin 2, 15: Source has C as second note. Changed to D. Violin 2, 20: Source has G, rest, Ab, rest. Changed to Bn, rest, root. Ab.

Bass, 25: Source has semibreve for first note.

#### **Cum dederit**

Small notes in the organ part show the music found in the source in C clefs, doubling the upper strings and even the Soprano. However, Lotti wrote similar passages in other works *senza organo* or with a more limited accompaniment, in keeping with the independent material written in the bass clef later on (e.g. 41 onwards). *Cf.* passages with similar instrumental scoring and texture: *Gratias* in Gloria in C No. 1, *Confutatis* in Requiem; *Amplius* in Miserere in Cm, *Libera me* in Miserere in Am; all in 3/2. It is suggested that the small notes are not played: they are included only for a complete record of the source material.

The basso octave doubling of the viola part is editorial. Violin 1, 19: Source for Violin 1 has an extraneous bar, with music repeated from 18.

Violin 1, 23: The slur markings stop in the Violin part here, returning for the ritornello. There is no reason to believe that a different bowing style is intended: the slurs have been continued in the edition.

#### Sicut sagittae

Violin 2, 6: The source has no explicit E flat in this bar, nor at 35, 44 and 46.

#### **Beatus vir**

Violin 1, 17: Source only has five notes; G has been added as the final note.

Soprano, 23: Source has even crotchets here (but not at bar 6).

Viola, 31: Source has E as final note (and at 33). Changed to F.  $\,$ 

Alto, 50: Source has F for final note; changed to E. Soprano, 70: Source has only five quavers in this bar.

#### Gloria Patri

Bass, 29: The source has the first two beats of 28 at the end of a line, then four more beats in a new bar at the start of the next line. The A minim is absent and has been added editorially, to match bar 36.

#### Sicut erat

Violin 2, 2: Source has only three beats, two of which are rests.

Violin 1, 5: Source has A on penultimate note. Changed to match repeating figure here and in the opening section. Viola, 10: Source has D. Changed to C.

Organ, 16: Source has even quavers on 2nd beat. Changed to dotted rhythm to match Bass and the same music at bar 27. Violin 1, 34: Source has dotted crotchet C, plus two quavers, Bb and G. (missing one quaver.)

Viola, 34: The viola source has F, C, Bb, F, in consecutive octaves with Violin 1. Changed to F, A, G, F.

Viola, 35: Source has the third quaver split into two semiquavers, F, G. Given the scribal error in the preceding bar, and the lack of any semiquavers elsewhere in the accompaniment, it seems a likely error.

It is possible that this whole viola passage is erroneous. Other mistakes are found at the same place in the violins. Violin 2, 36: Source has E for final note: changed to C. Alto, 44: Dot is on the F, not the E.

Soprano, 52: Rhythm in source is quaver, quaver, quarter, dotted quarter rest.

Alto, 56: Rhythm is uncertain in source: dotted quaver F, dotted quaver G, semiquaver F. This uncertainty does not fit well against the Violin 2 part, which has crotchet A, quaver G.

Violin 2, 58: Source has E: changed to D. Alto, 69: Source has D as first note: changed to C. Violin 1, 72: Last note of strings is crotchet (without dot). Organ has dotted crotchet.

Instrumental parts are available on request.

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### 2. Vanum est vobis



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Vanum est vobis 11





## 3. Cum dederit







Cum dederit 15





Cum dederit 17





Cum dederit 19



## 4. Sicut sagittae



Sicut sagittae 21





Sicut sagittae 23





Sicut sagittae 25



### 5. Beatus vir



Beatus vir 27





Beatus vir 29





Beatus vir 31



### 6. Gloria Patri









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Gloria Patri 33



### 7. Sicut erat



Sicut erat 35





Sicut erat 37





Sicut erat 39



