# ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

## ANTONIO LOTTI

(1667 - 1740)

### Miserere mei in C minor

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

**FULL SCORE** 



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#### **EDITORIAL NOTES**

Sources: Bergamo, Civica Biblioteca, Archivi Storici Angelo Mai (I-BGc): Mayr 502, a late 18th-century manuscript in score and the only known source. Johann Simon Mayr (1763 - 1845) was a German composer who studied under Ferdinando Bertoni, maestro di cappella at San Marco in Venice, in the 1790s.

Editorial accidentals are shown in parentheses. Other editorial alterations are also in brackets or otherwise differentiated from source notation. Changes to the source are listed below.

The score contains a continuo line, with figures, below the vocal staves, but also a bass instrumental stave in most sections at the bottom of the string staves, above the vocal parts. The basso continuo part is taken from the instrumental basso stave; the keyboard continuo part is taken from the lower contino stave. In sections with reduced scoring where only one basso stave is written, this has been assumed to be used for both instruments. The right hand of the keyboard line is entirely editorial, and should be adapted and ornamented by the keyboard player *ad lib*.

27, (Et secundum): The word *Oboè* is written at the left hand margin, between the Tenor and Bass staves, though it is unclear what this means. Doubling of tenor and bass lines would not be feasible at pitch, and would be unusual at the octave. (See 345, 512.)

128 (Tibi soli peccavi): The fold in the mss prevents a clear transcription of the second beat.

144, Violin 2: Third note is unclear in source: may be B flat, but corrected to C.

304 (Auditui): Though no scoring is given, the two instrumental staves above the voices seem to suggest tutti violins scored on a C1 clef and tutti violas on a C3 clef.

There are however two more instrumental staves, above the strings, written in slightly lighter, sketchier manner and a different hand. They are not included in the brace that joins the staves at the left

margin. These two are written in G2 clefs and double the string staves. They would appear to be a later addition.

The music in the strings for the final three bars (342-344) has been re-arranged in this edition. The source has four string staves: the two later additions and two originals. The original viola part has nothing written, not even rests. The original violin part contains a line that completes the harmony of the voices. The upper additional string stave doubles this line, and the lower additional string part contains a doubling of the Alto part up an octave, with a tierce de piccardie. In this edition, the doubled alto part is given to Violin 1, in keeping with Lotti's usual practice. The music in the 'original' violin part is given to Violin 2 and Viola 1, and Viola 2 has been given a doubling of the tenor part.

345 (Averte faciem): As before, the word *Oboè* is written to the left of the staves, between the alto and basso line. An alto solo with oboe obbligato is a typical scoring in Lotti's cantata sections, but no actual oboe part is found in the source.

485 (Libera me): There is only one viola stave in this section. Both viola parts have been scored with the same notes in this edition, though the 2nds could be tacet for balance.

512 (Domine labia): Stave is marked  $Obo\grave{e}$ , as previously.

523: Third note is C in source, changed to D.

567 (Sacrificium Deo): Violins have C natural in source; changed to flat, suggested by the bass figure. 572: Tenor second note is G in source; changed to F. 595: the instrumental basso stave has no notes for bb. 595 to 600. These have been editorially added from the keyboard continuo line.

Instrumental parts and vocal scores are also available.

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### 1. Miserere mei





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Miserere mei 3



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Miserere mei 5



### 2. Et secundum multitudinem





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## 3. Amplius lava me



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## 4. Quoniam iniquitatem meam





## 5. Tibi soli peccavi



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## 6. Ecce enim in iniquitatibus





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### 7. Ecce enim veritatem



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## 8. Asperges me hyssopo



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### 9. Auditui meo dabis









### 10. Averte faciem tuam



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### 11. Cor mundum crea in me



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### 12. Redde mihi laetitiam









# 13. Docebo iniquos vias











# 14. Libera me de sanguinibus













### 15. Domine labia mea aperies





### 16. Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium



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### 17. Sacrificium Deo spiritus



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# 18. Benigne fac Domine



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### 19. Tunc acceptabis sacrificium



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