

ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

SHORT SERVICE

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THOMAS TALLIS
(1505 - 1585)

VENITE

Medius

Contratenor

Tenor

Bassus

Full

O come let us sing un - to the Lord, let us heart - i - ly re - joice in the

Full

O come let us sing un - to the Lord, let us heart - i - ly re - joice in the strength

Full

O come let us sing un - to the Lord, let us heart - i - ly re - joice in the

Full

O come let us sing un - to the Lord, let us heart - i - ly re - joice in the

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strength of our sal - va - ti - on. Let us come be - fore his pre - sence with ___ thanks-giv -

___ of our sal - va - ti - on. Let us come be - fore his pre - sence with ___ thanks-giv -

strength of our sal - va - ti - on. Let us come be - fore his pre - sence with ___ thanks-giv -

strength of our sal - va - ti - on. Let us come be - fore his pre - sence with ___ thanks-giv -

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-ing; and shew ___ our-selves glad in him with psalms. For ___ the Lord is ___

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-ing; and shew ___ our-selves glad in him with psalms. For ___ the Lord is

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Dec.

Dec.

Dec.

Dec.

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Can. Dec.

— a great God; And — a great king a - bove all gods. In — his hands are all the cor - ners of the

Can. Dec.

a great God; And — a great king a - bove all gods. In — his hands are all the cor - ners of the

Can. Dec.

a great God; And — a great king a - bove all gods. In — his hands are all the cor - ners of the

Can. Dec.

a great God; And — a great king a - bove all gods. In — his hands are all the cor - ners of the

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Can. Dec.

earth; and the strength of the hills is his al - so. The sea is his and he made

Can. Dec.

earth; and the strength of the hills is his — al - so. The sea is his and he made

Can. Dec.

earth; and the strength of the hills is his al - so. The sea is his and he made

Can. Dec.

earth; and the strength of the hills is his al - so. The sea is his and he made

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Can. Dec. Can.

it; and his hand pre - par - ed the dry land. O — come let us wor - ship and fall down; and kneel be -

Can. Dec. Can.

it; and his hand pre - par - ed the dry land. O — come let us wor - ship and fall down; and kneel be -

Can. Dec. Can.

it; and his hand pre - par - ed the dry land. O — come let us wor - ship and fall down; and kneel be -

Can. Dec. Can.

it; and his hand pre - par - ed the dry land. O — come let us wor - ship and fall down; and kneel be -

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Dec. Can.

-fore the Lord our mak - er. For he is the Lord our God; and we are the peo - ple of his

Dec. Can.

-fore the Lord our mak - er. For he is the Lord our God; and we are the peo - ple of his

Dec. Can.

-fore the Lord our mak - er. For he is the Lord our God; and we are the peo - ple of his

Dec. Can.

-fore the Lord our mak - er. For he is the Lord our God; and we are the peo - ple of his

40

Full Dec.

pas-ture and the sheep of his hands. To-day if ye will hear his voice, hard - en not

Full Dec.

pas-ture and the sheep of his hands. To-day if ye will hear his voice, hard - en not

Full Dec.

pas-ture and the sheep of his hands. To-day if ye will hear his voice, hard - en not

Full Dec.

pas-ture and the sheep of his hands. To-day if ye will hear his voice, hard - en not

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Can.

— your hearts; as in the pro - vo - ca - ti - on and as in the day of temp - ta - ti - on in the wil - der -

Can.

— your hearts; as in the pro - vo - ca - ti - on and as in the day of temp - ta - ti - on in the wil - der -

Can.

your hearts; as in the pro - vo - ca - ti - on and as in the day of temp - ta - ti - on in the wil - der -

Can.

your hearts; as in the pro - vo - ca - ti - on and as in the day of temp - ta - ti - on in the wil - der -

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Dec. Can. Dec.

-ness; when your fa - thers tempt - ed me, prov - ed me and saw__ my works. For - ty years

Dec. Can. Dec.

-ness. when__your fa - thers tempt - ed me, prov - ed me and saw__ my works. For - ty years

Dec. Can. Dec.

-ness. when your fa - thers tempt - ed me, prov - ed me and saw my works. For - ty years

Dec. Can. Dec.

-ness. when your fa - thers tempt - ed me, prov - ed me and saw my works. For - ty years

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Can.

long was I griev - ed with this ge - ne - ra - ti - on, and said: It is a peo - ple that do

Can.

long was I griev - ed with this ge - ne - ra - ti - on, and said: It is a peo - ple that do

Can.

long was I griev - ed with this ge - ne - ra - ti - on, and said: It is a peo - ple that do

Can.

long was I griev - ed with this ge - ne - ra - ti - on, and said: It is a peo - ple that do

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Dec.

err in their hearts; for they have not known__ my ways. Un - to whom__ I swear

Dec.

err in their hearts; for__ they have not known my ways. Un - to whom__ I swear in__

Dec.

err in their hearts; for they have not known my ways. Un - to whom__ I swear in__

Dec.

err in their hearts; for they have not known my ways. Un - to whom__ I swear

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Can. Full

in my__wrath that they should not en - ter in - to my__rest. Glo - ry be to the

Can. Full

__ my wrath that they should not en - ter in - - to my rest. Glo - ry be to__ the

Can. Full

__ my wrath that they should not en - ter in - to__ my__ rest. Glo - ry be to__ the

Can. Full

in my wrath that they should not en - ter in - to my rest. Glo - ry be to the

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Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the__ Ho - ly Ghost. As__ it was in the

Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to__ the Ho - ly Ghost. As__ it was in the

Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the__ Ho - ly Ghost. As__ it was in the

Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to__ the Ho - ly Ghost. As__ it was in the

80

be - gin - ning is__ now; and ev - er shall be, world with - out__ end. A - men.

be - gin - ning is__ now; and ev - er shall be, world with - out__ end. A - men.

be - gin - ning is now; and ev - er shall be, world with - out__ end. A - men.

be - gin - ning is now; and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

TE DEUM

Medius

Full Can

We know - ledge thee to be the Lord, all the earth doth wor - ship thee, the Fa-ther

Contratenor

Full Can

We know - ledge thee to be the Lord, all the earth doth wor-ship thee, the Fa-ther

Tenor

Full Can

We know - ledge thee to be the Lord, all the earth doth wor-ship thee, the Fa-ther

Bassus

Full Can

We know - ledge thee to be the Lord, all the earth doth wor - ship thee, the Fa - ther

7

Dec Can

ev - er - last - ing. To thee all an - gels cry a - loud, the heav'n's and all the pow'r's there - in. To thee Che - ru -

Dec Can

ev - er - last - ing. To thee all an - gels cry a - loud, the heav'n's and all the pow'r's there - in. To thee Che - ru -

Dec Can

ev - er - last - ing. To thee all an - gels cry a - loud, the heav'n's and all the pow'r's there - in. To thee Che - ru -

Dec Can

ev - er - last - ing. To thee all an - gels cry a - loud, the heav'n's and all the pow'r's there - in. To thee Che - ru -

13

Dec Can

-bin and Se - ra - phin con - tin - u - al - ly do cry: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sa - ba -

Dec Can

-bin and Se - ra - phin con - tin - u - al - ly do cry: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sa - ba -

Dec Can

-bin and Se - ra - phin con - tin - u - al - ly do cry: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sa - ba -

Dec Can

-bin and Se - ra - phin con - tin - u - al - ly do cry: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sa - ba -

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Dec Can

-oth. Heav'n and earth are full of the ma-jes-ty of thy glo - ry. The glo - ri-ous com - pa-ny of

Dec Can

-oth. Heav'n and earth are full of the ma-jes-ty of thy glo - ry. The glo - ri-ous com - pa-ny of

Dec Can

-oth. Heav'n and earth are full of the ma-jes-ty of thy glo - ry. The glo - ri-ous com - pa-ny of

Dec Can

-oth. Heav'n and earth are full of the ma-jes-ty of thy glo - ry. The glo - ri-ous com - pa-ny of

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Dec Can

the A-po - stles praise thee. The good-ly fel - low-ship of the pro-phets praise thee. The no - ble ar-my of

Dec Can

the A-po-stles praise thee. The good-ly fel - low-ship of the pro-phets praise thee. The no - ble ar-my of

Dec Can

the A-po-stles praise thee. The good-ly fel - low-ship of the pro-phets praise thee. The no - ble ar-my of

Dec Can

the A-po-stles praise thee. The good-ly fel - low-ship of the pro-phets praise thee. The no - ble ar-my of

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Dec Can

mar - tyrs praise thee. The ho - ly Church through-out all the world doth know - ledge thee the Fa -

Dec Can

mar-tyrs praise thee. The ho - ly Church through-out all the world doth know-ledge thee the Fa -

Dec Can

mar-tyrs praise thee. The ho - ly Church through-out all the world doth know-ledge thee the Fa -

Dec Can

mar - tyrs praise thee. The ho - ly Church through-out all the world doth know-ledge thee the Fa -

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Dec Can

- ther of an in-fi-nite ma - jes - ty; thine ho - nour-a - ble true and on - ly Son; al - so the Ho - ly

Dec Can

- ther of an in-fi-nite ma - jes - ty; thine ho - nour-a - ble true and on - ly Son; al - so the Ho - ly

Dec Can

- ther of an in-fi-nite ma - jes - ty; thine ho - nour-a - ble true and on - ly Son; al - so the Ho - ly

Dec Can

- ther of an in-fi-nite ma - jes - ty; thine ho - nour-a - ble true and on - ly Son; al - so the Ho - ly

45

Full Dec

Ghost the com - for - ter. Thou art the King of glo - ry, O Christ. Thou art the ev - er-last-ing

Full Dec

Ghost the com - for - ter. Thou art the King of glo - ry, O Christ. Thou art the ev - er-last-ing

Full Dec

Ghost the com - for - ter. Thou art the King of glo - ry, O Christ. Thou art the ev - er-last-ing

Full Dec

Ghost the com - for - ter. Thou art the King of glo - ry, O Christ. Thou art the ev - er-last-ing

52

Can

son of the Fa - ther. When thou tookst up - on thee to de - liv - er man, thou didst not ab-hor the

Can

son of the Fa - ther. When thou tookst up - on thee to de - liv - er man, thou didst not ab-hor the

Can

son of the Fa - ther. When thou tookst up - on thee to de - liv - er man, thou didst not ab-hor the

Can

son of the Fa - ther. When thou tookst up - on thee to de - liv - er man, thou didst not ab-hor the

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Dec



Dec



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Can

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Can

Dec



Can

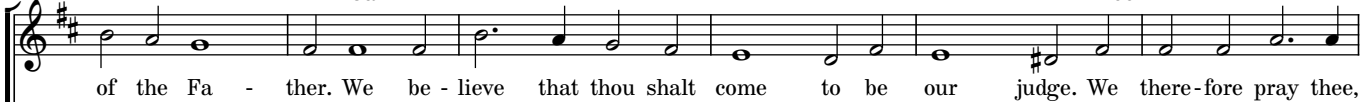
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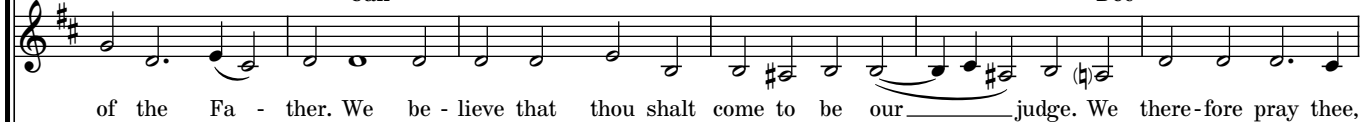
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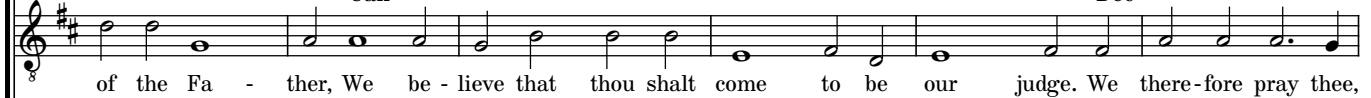
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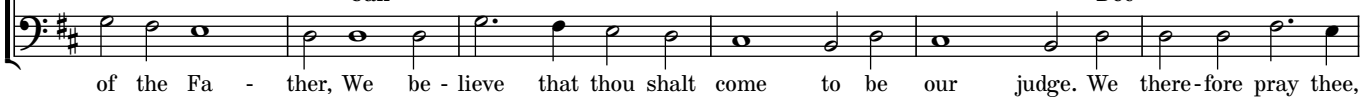
Can

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Can

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Can Dec

help thy ser - vants, whom thou hast re - deem - ed with thy pre - ci - ous blood. Make — them to be

Can Dec

help thy ser - vants, whom thou hast re - deem - ed with thy pre - ci - ous blood. Make — them to be

Can Dec

help thy ser - vants, whom thou hast re - deem - ed with thy pre - ci - ous blood. Make — them to be

Can Dec

help thy ser - vants, whom thou hast re - deem - ed with thy pre - ci - ous blood. Make — them to be

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Can Dec Can

num - ber'd with thy saints in glo - ry ev - er - last - - - ing. O Lord, save thy peo - ple, and

Can Dec Can

num - ber'd with thy saints in glo - ry ev - - er - last - ing. O Lord, save thy peo - ple and

Can Dec Can

num - ber'd with thy saints in glo - ry ev - er - last - - - ing. O Lord, save thy peo - ple and

Can Dec Can

num - ber'd with thy saints in glo - ry ev - - er - last - ing. O Lord, save thy peo - ple and

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Dec Can Dec

bless thine he - ri - tage. Gov - ern them and lift them up for ev - er. Day by day, we mag - ni - fy thee, and we wor -

Dec Can Dec

bless thine he - ri - tage. Gov - ern them and lift them up for ev - er. Day by day, we mag - ni - fy — thee, and we wor -

Dec Can Dec

bless thine he - ri - tage. Gov - ern them and lift them up for ev - er. Day by day, we mag - ni - fy — thee, and we wor -

Dec Can Dec

bless thine he - ri - tage. Gov - ern them and lift them up for ev - er. Day by day, we mag - ni - fy thee, and we wor -

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Can Dec Can

- ship thy name, ev - er world with-out end. Vouch-safe, O Lord, to keep us this day with-out sin. O Lord, have

Can Dec Can

- ship thy name, ev - er world with-out end. Vouch-safe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin. O Lord, have

Can Dec Can

- ship thy name, ev - er world with-out end. Vouch-safe, O Lord, to keep us this day with-out sin. O Lord, have

Can Dec Can

- ship thy name, ev - er world with-out end. Vouch-safe, O Lord, to keep us this day with-out sin. O Lord, have

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Dec Can Dec

mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lord, let thy mer - cy ligh-ten up - on us, as

Dec Can Dec

mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lord, let thy mer - cy ligh-ten up - on us. As

Dec Can Dec

mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lord, let thy mer - cy ligh-ten up - on us. As

Dec Can Dec

mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lord, let thy mer - cy ligh-ten up - on us. As

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Full

our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trust - ed. Let me ne - ver be con-found - ed.

Full

our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trust-ed. Let me ne - ver be con-found - ed.

Full

our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trust - ed. Let me ne - ver be con-found - ed.

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our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trust - ed. Let me ne - ver be con-found - ed.

BENEDICTUS DOMINUS DEUS

Full

Medius
Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el: for he hath vi-sit-ed and re-deem-ed_

Full

Contratenor
Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el: for he hath vi-sit-ed and re - deem-ed_

Full

Tenor
Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el: for he hath vi-sit-ed and re - deem -

Full

Bassus
Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el: for he hath vi-sit-ed and re-deem-ed

7

Dec. **Can.**
_ his peo-ple. And hath rais-ed up a migh-ty sal-va-ti - on for us: in_ the house of his ser - vant Da -

Dec. **Can.**
_ his peo-ple. And hath rais-ed up a migh-ty sal-va-ti - on for us: in_ the house of his ser - vant Da -

Dec. **Can.**
-ed his peo-ple. And hath rais-ed up a migh-ty sal-va-ti - on for us: in_ the house of his ser - vant Da -

Dec. **Can.**
his_ peo-ple. And hath rais-ed up a migh-ty sal-va-ti - on for us: in_ the house of his ser - vant Da -

14

Dec.
- - vid. As he spake by the mouth of his ho - ly Pro - phets: which have been since the world be -

Dec.
- - vid. As he spake by the mouth of_ his ho - ly Pro - phets: which have been since the world be -

Dec.
- - vid. As he spake by the mouth of his ho - ly Pro - phets: which have been since the world be -

Dec.
- - vid. As he spake by the mouth of his ho - ly Pro - phets: which have been since the world be -

19

Can. Dec.

- gan. That we should be sav - ed from our e - ne-mies; and from the hands of all that hate ____ us. To

Can. Dec.

- gan. That we should be sav-ed from our e - ne - mies; and from the hands of all that hate__ us. To

Can. Dec.

- gan. That we should be sav-ed from our e - ne-mies; and from the hands of all that hate us. To

Can. Dec.

- gan. That we should be sav-ed from our e - ne-mies; and from the hands of all that hate us. To

25

Can.

per-form the mer - cy pro-mis-ed to ____ our fa-thers, and__ to re - mem - ber his ho - ly Cov'-nant. To

Can.

per-form the mer - cy pro-mis-ed to ____ our fa-thers, and__ to re - mem - ber his ho-ly ____ Cov'-nant. To

Can.

per-form the mer - cy pro-mis-ed to our fa-thers, and__ to re-mem-ber his ho - ly Cov'-nant. To

Can.

per-form the mer - cy pro-mis-ed to ____ our fa-thers, and__ to re-mem-ber his ho - ly Cov'-nant. To

31

Dec.

per-form the oath which he sware to ____ our fa-ther A - bra-ham; that ____ he would give us. That we be -

Dec.

per-form the oath which he sware to ____ our fa-ther A - bra-ham; that he would give us. That we be -

Dec.

per-form the oath which he sware to our fa-ther A - bra-ham; that he would give us. That we be -

Dec.

per-form the oath which he sware to ____ our fa-ther A - bra-ham; that he would give us. That we be -

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Can. Dec. Can. Dec. Can.

-ing de - li - ver - ed out of the hands of our e - ne - mies: might serve him with-out fear: In ho - li - ness and

Can. Dec. Can. Dec. Can.

-ing de - li - ver - ed out of the hands of our e - ne - mies: might serve him with-out fear: In ho - li - ness and

Can. Dec. Can. Dec. Can.

-ing de - li - ver - ed out of the hands of our e - ne - mies: might serve him with-out fear: In ho - li - ness and

Can. Dec. Can. Dec. Can.

-ing de - li - ver - ed out of the hands of our e - ne - mies: might serve him with-out fear: In ho - li - ness and

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Full Dec.

righteous-ness be - fore him all the days of our life. And thou, Child, shalt be call - ed the

Full Dec.

righteous-ness be - fore him all the days of our life. And thou, Child, shalt be call - ed the

Full Dec.

righteous-ness be - fore him all the days of our life. And thou, Child, shalt be call - ed the

Full Dec.

righteous-ness be - fore him all the days of our life. And thou, Child, shalt be call - ed the

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Can.

Pro - phet of the High-est: for thou shalt go be - fore the face of the Lord to pre -

Can.

Pro - phet of the High-est: for thou shalt go be - fore the face of the Lord to

Can.

Pro - phet of the High-est: for thou shalt go be - fore the face of the Lord to pre -

Can.

Pro - phet of the High-est: for thou shalt go be - fore the face of the Lord to pre -

54

Dec.

-pare his ways. To give know-ledge of sal-va - ti - on un - to his peo-ple: for the re-mis - si-

Dec.

pre-pare his ways. To give know-ledge of sal-va-ti-on___ un-to his peo-ple: for the re-mis-si-on__

Dec.

-pare his ways. To give know-ledge of sal-va - ti - on un-to his peo-ple: for the re-mis - si-

Dec.

-pare his ways. To give know-ledge of sal-va - ti - on un-to his peo-ple: for the re-mis - si-

60

Can.

-on of their sins. Through the ten - der mer - cy of our God: where - by the Day-spring

Can.

___ of their___ sins. Through the ten - der mer - cy_____ of our God: where - by the Day-spring

Can.

-on of their sins. Through the ten - der mer - cy of our God: where - by the Day-spring

Can.

-on of their sins. Through the ten - der mer - cy of our God: where - by the Day-spring

66

Dec.

from on high hath vi-sit-ed us. To___ give light to them that sit in dark-ness and in the

Dec.

from on high hath vi - sit-ed us. To give light to them___ that sit in dark-ness and in the

Dec.

from on high hath vi-sit-ed us. To give light to___ them that sit in dark - ness, and in the

Dec.

from on high hath vi-sit-ed us. To give light to them that sit in dark-ness and in the

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Can. Full

sha-dow of death: and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. Glo - ry be

Can. Full

sha-dow of death: and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. Glo - ry be

Can. Full

sha - dow of death: and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. Glo - ry be

Can. Full

sha-dow of death: and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. Glo - ry be

77

to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be -

to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be -

to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be -

to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the be -

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-gin - ning, is now, and e - - ver shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

-gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

-gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

-gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

ANCIENT GROOVE MUSIC

THOMAS TALLIS

SHORT SERVICE

Tallis's Short Service, sometimes called the 'Dorian' Service, is likely the first music written for the English liturgy, along with his Litany and Responses.

Sources:

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The music is presented up a tone in original note values. The edition is intended to be for performance, and represents a conflation of the sources.

The sources vary considerably, most notably in terms of note rhythm to accommodate the words, and the underlay itself.

All 'standard' accidentals to the left of the note reflect those found in any of the sources, though the treatment varies across the sources. Editorial accidentals are in square brackets.

Accidentals in parentheses are cautionary.

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