

Missa Hercules dux Ferrariae - 2. Gloria

Josquin des Prez (c. 1450–1521)

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Josquin des Prez was commissioned to write a mass for Duke Hercules of Ferrara. Josquin set for himself the challenge of using a cantus firmus built from his patron's name. The sequence of the vowels in "Hercules dux Ferrariae" were replaced with corresponding syllables of the solfège scale, ut, re, mi, fa (at the time "ut" was used instead of "do"), creating the tune "re, ut, re, ut, re, fa, mi, re". This chant-like theme recurs in each section of the mass, sometimes in retrograde or diminution. Josquin seems to have invented this technique, called *soggetto cavato*, which is similar to the musical cryptograms used by Bach, Schumann, Berg, and Shostakovich.

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Soprano (S): -am. Do - mi-ne De - us, Rex cae-le - stis, De - us Pa-ter o - mni - pot - ens. Do - mi-ne

Alto (A): -am. Do-mi-ne De - us, Rex cae - le - stis, De-us Pa - ter o - mni-pot - ens. Do-mi-ne Fi - li

Tenor (T): 8 De - us Pa - ter o - mni - pot - ens.

Bass (B): - mi-ne De - us, Rex cae-le - stis, De - us Pa - ter o - mni-pot - ens. Do-mi-ne Fi -

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Soprano (S): Fili u - ni - ge - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste, Do - mi -

Alto (A): u - ni - ge - ni - te, Do - mi-ne De -

Tenor (T): 8 Do -

Bass (B): - li u - ni - ge - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste, Do -

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Soprano (S): - ne De - - - us, A - gnu - s. De - i, Fi - - - li - us Pa - tri - s. | 4

Alto (A): - us, A - gnus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tri - s. Fi - li - us Pa - tri - s. | 4

Tenor (T): 8 - mi - - - ne De - - - us, A - - - gnus De - - - i, Fi - - - li - us Pa - - - tri - s. | 4

Bass (B): - mi-ne De - - us, A - - gnus De - - i, Fi - - li - us Pa - - tri - s. | 4

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Soprano (S): su - sci-pe de-pre-ca-ti - o - nem no - - -

Alto (A): su - sci - pe de-pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - - stram. Qui -

Tenor (T): tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,

Bass (B): lis pec-ca - ta mun - di, su - sci-pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - - stram.

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S tu so - lus sanc - tus, tu so - lus Do - - - - mi - nus, tu so - lus Al -

A Quo - - ni - am tu so - lus sanc - tus, tu so - lus Do - mi - nus, tu

T 8 -am tu so - - - lus sanc - - - tus,

B - ni - am tu so - lus sanc - - - tus, tu so - - - lus Do - - - mi -

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S - tis - - - si - mus, Je - su Chri - - - ste.

A - - - so - lus Al - tis - si-mus, Je - su Chri - - - ste..

T 8

B -nus, tu so - lus Al - tis - - - si - mus, Je - - - - su Chri - - - -

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S Cum Sanc - to Spi - ri - tu, in glo - - - ri - a De - i Pa - - tris.

A Cum Sanc - to Spi - ri - tu, in glo - - - ri - a De - i Pa - - tris. A -

T 8 in glo - - - ri - a

B -ste. Cum Sanc - to Spi - ri - tu, in glo - - - ri - a De - - - - i

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Soprano (S) sings a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The Alto (A) part consists of eighth-note chords. The Tenor (T) part has sustained notes with 'De' and 'i' below them. The Bass (B) part also has eighth-note chords with 'Pa' and 'tris.' below them.

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The vocal parts continue their melodic lines. The Tenor (T) and Bass (B) parts begin a sustained note pattern starting at measure 98. The Alto (A) and Soprano (S) parts sing 'men.' and 'A-men.' respectively.