

Ave Verum Corpus

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, with lyrics in Latin. The first staff (treble clef) starts with a whole note followed by a half note. The second staff (middle C clef) starts with a half note. The third staff (bass clef) starts with a half note. The lyrics are as follows:

1. A - ve ve - rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir-gi-
2. A - ve ve - rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir-gi-
3. A - ve ve - rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir-gi-
4. A - ve ve - rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir-gi-
5. A - ve ve - rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir-gi-
6. A - ve ve - rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir-gi-
7. A - ve ve - rum cor - pus, na-tum de Ma-ri - a Vir-gi-
8. ne: Ve - re pas - sum, im - mo-la - tum in cru - ce
9. ne: Ve - re pas - sum, im - mo-la - tum in cru - ce
10. ne: Ve - re pas - sum, im - mo-la - tum in cru - ce pro-
11. pro-ho-mi - ne, Cú - ius la - tus per - fo - ra - tum ún - da flú-
12. pro-ho - mi - ne, Cú - ius la - tus per - fo - ra - tum ún - da flú-
13. ho - mi - ne, Cú - ius la - tus per - fo - ra - tum
14. pro-ho-mi - ne, Cú - ius la - tus per - fo - ra - tum ún -

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- xit san-gui - ne, san-gui - ne: E - sto nó - bis pree - gu - sta-tum in
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 ún - da flú-xit san-gui - ne: E - sto nó - bis pree-gu - sta-tum in
 - da flú - xit san-gui - ne: E - sto nó - bis pree - gu - sta-tum

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mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne, O dül - cis, O pi - e, O
 mor - tis, in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne, O dül - cis, O pi - e,
 mor - tis ex-a - mi - ne, O dül - cis, O pi - e,
 in mor - tis ex-a - mi - ne, O dül - cis, O pi - e, O

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Je - su Fí - li Ma-ri - ae, Mi-se -
 O Je - su Fí - li Ma-ri - ae, Mi-se-ré-re mé - i,
 O Je-su Fí - li Ma-ri - ae, Mi-se-ré-re mé - i,
 Je - su Fí - li Ma - ri - ae, Mi-se-ré-re

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- ré-re mé - i, mi - se-ré-re mé - i, mé - i, o
mi - se-ré-re, mi - se-ré-re mé-i, mi - se - ré- re mé-i
8 mi - se - ré-re mé - i, mé - i, mi - se - ré - re mé - i,
mé - i, mi - se - ré - re mé - i, mi - se - ré - re mé - i,

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The musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is soprano, the second is alto, the third is tenor, and the bottom is bass. The music is in common time. The key signature changes from G major (no sharps or flats) to F major (one sharp) at measure 11. The lyrics are: "dúl - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fí - li Ma-ri - ae," repeated three times. The vocal parts are separated by vertical bar lines.

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Mi-se - ré-re mé - i,
mi - se-ré-re
- mi - se - ré - re - mé - i - mi - se - ré - re mi - se - ré - re mé - i mi - se
8 Mi - se - ré - re mé - i, mi - se - ré - re mé - i, mé - i, mé -
Mi - se - ré - re mé - i, mi - se - ré - re mé - i, mi -

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mé - i, mé - i, A - men.

- ré re mé - i A - men

- i, mi-se - ré - re mé - i, A - men.

- se-ré - re mé - i, A - men.