

Adoro te devote

St. Thomas Aquinas, c. A.D. 1260
trans. Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J.,
John Mason Neale, others (cento)

Ambrosian proper melody
Mode 2
Liber Vespertalis, 1939

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 152$

TB

1. A - do - ro te de - vó - te, la - tens Dé - i - tas,
* 2. God - head here in hi ding, whom I do a - dore,

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Organ

* only the Latin language may be used at Sung or Solemn Masses

2

Quae sub his fi - gú - ris ve - re lá - ti - tas;
Masked by these bare sha - dows, shape and no - thing more,

3

Ti - bi se cor me - um to - tum súb - ji - cit
See, Lord, at Thy ser - vice low lies here my heart

4

Quí - a te con - tém - plans to - tum dé - fi - cit.
Lost, all lost in won - der at the God thou art.

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fauxbourdon attributed to:
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
 (1525?-1594)

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 46$

SA

2. Vi - sus, ta - ctus, gu - stus in te fal - li - tur,
 2. Taste and touch and vi - sion To dis - cern thee fail

TB

The musical score for the Soprano (SA) and Tenor (TB) parts of 'Adoro te devote'. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as approximately 46 beats per minute. The Soprano part begins with a whole note chord, followed by a series of half notes and quarter notes. The Tenor part follows a similar pattern, with some chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two versions of the text provided for each line.

9

Sed au - di - tu so - lo tu - to cre - di - tur.
 Faith that comes by hear - ing Pier - ces through the veil.

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14

Cre - do quid - quid de - xit De - i Fi - li - us;
 I be - lieve what - e'er The Son of God hath told;

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Nil hoc ver - bo ve - ri - tá - tis ve - ri - us.
 What the Truth hath spo - ken That for truth I hold.

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3. In cru - ce la - té - bat so - la Dé - i - tas,
 3. On the Cross Thy God - head made no sign to men,

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At hic la - tet si - mul et Hu - má - ni - tas,
 Here Thy Ve - ry Man - hood hides from hu - man * ken,

* "ken" = "understanding"

24

Am - bo ta - men cre - dens at - que cón - fi - tens,
 Both are my con - fes - sion, both are my be - lief;

25

Pe - to quod pe - tí - vit la - tro poé - ni - tens.
 Lord, I pray the pray'r now of the dy - ing thief.

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4. Pla - gas, si - cut Tho - mas, non in - tú - e - or:
 4. I am not like Tho - mas, wounds I can - not see,

melody in the tenor

TB

30

De - um ta - men me - um te con - fi - te - or.
 But can plain - ly call thee Lord and God as he;

35

Fac me ti - bi sem - per ma - gis cré - de - re,
 Let me to a deep - er faith now dai - ly move,

39

In te spem ha - bé - re, te di - lí - ge re.
 Grant me joy of hope in thy un - bound - ed love.

43

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5. O me - mo - ri - á - le mor - tis Dó - mi - ni!
 5. O me - mor - ial won - drous of the Lord's own death;

44

Pa - nis vi - vus, vi - tam prae - stans hó - mi - ni!
 Liv - ing Bread, that giv - est all thy chil - dren breath,

45

Prae - sta me - ae men - ti de te ví - ve - re,
 Grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,

46

Et te il - li sem - per dul - ce sá - pe - re.
 To my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.

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6. Pi - e pe - li - cá - ne, Je - su Dó - mi - ne,
 * 6. Pe - li - can of mer - cy, Je - su Lord and God --

TB

* the reference is to the medieval legend of "the pelican in her piety,"
 a mystical and heraldic symbol of Christ and the Eucharist
 found throughout Eastern and Western Christendom. See:
bestiary.ca/beasts/beast244.htm

51

Me im - mún - dum mun - da tu - o sán - gui - ne:
 Cleanse me wretch - ed sin - ner in thy Pre - cious Blood;

56

Cu - jus u - na stil - la sal - vum fá - ce - re
 Blood where - of one drop, for hu - man - kind out - poured,

60

To - tum mun - dum quit ab o - mni scé - le - re.
 Hath from all trans - gres - sions the whole world re - stored.

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7. Je - su, quem ve - lá - tum nunc a - spi - ci - o,
7. Je - su whom now veil - éd, I by faith des - cry,

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65

O - ro, fi - at il - lud quod tam sí - ti - o:
What my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, de - ny,

66

Ut te re - ve - lá - ta cer - nens fá - ci - e,
That thy face un - veil - éd I at last may see,

67

Vi - su sim bea - á - tus tu - ae gló - ri - ae. A - men.

With the bliss - ful vi - sion blest, my God of thee. A - men.

69

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 50$
(or this)

A - - - - - men.

"Amen" by **Sir Richard Terry (1865-1938)**
sometime Organist of Westminster Roman
Catholic Cathedral, London, England

(and/or this:)

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 44$ (a little slower than the foregoing)

72

A - - - - - men.