The Music Makers

Seven Plainsong Masses in modern notation



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Notes

Arguably, Gregorian chant is best performed using the original plainsong notation, as this gives a greater freedom of expression and rubato than the modern stave. However, for those who find modern notation easier to read, particularly congregations, we felt it appropriate to supply copies of the Mass settings in modern notation.

Mass I (Lux et Origo) is intended to be sung during Eastertide, Mass IV (Cunctipotens genitor Deus) on the Feasts of the Apostles. The Missa de Angelis (VIII) is for general use. Mass IX (Cum Jubilo) is for Solemnities and Feasts of Our Lady and Mass XV (Orbis Factor) on Sundays of Ordinary Time. Mass XVII is for Sundays of Advent and Lent.

If a simple plainsong setting for the Mass is required for weekdays, then it is worth noting that the Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei from the Requiem Mass are the same as what is known as Mass XVIII, the Mass setting appropriate for Feria Days.

There are no "hard and fast rules" about performing plainsong. The suggested pitches are suggestions only. The pitch should suit the voices and should be altered as appropriate. Choir directors should also take a flexible approach towards the rhythm as notated.

Plainsong notation copies of these Masses may be bought from the Association for Latin Liturgy, which we highly recommend (visit www.Latin-Liturgy.org or ask your retailer). For those wishing to learn more about plainsong singing, then we also recommend The Beginner's Book of Chant, published by St. Michael's Abbey Press, Farnborough.

Copies of all the Masses in this book are also available separately on A4 card, suitable for congregational use. For full details, please visit our web site at www.themusicmakers.org or ask your retailer.

Missa No. I (Lux et origo)



Missa No. IV (Cunctipotens Genitor Deus)





Missa No. IX (Cum Jubilo)

Kyrie



Missa No. XI (Orbis Factor)

Kyrie Cantor (1st time, Tutti 2nd) Tutti le - i - son. le - i- son. Ky - ri - e__ le - i - son. le - i - son. e Gloria Et in ter - ra_pax ho - mi-ni - bus_ Glo - ri - a___ in__ ex-cel-sisDe - o. bo - nae vo-lun-ta - tis. Lau-da- mus te. Be ne - di - ci-mus te. A-do-ra- mus te. Glo-ri - fi-ca-mus te. Gra-ti-as a-gi-mus ti-bi prop-ter_mag-nam glo - ri - am_ tu - am. Do - mi - ne_ De - us, Rex cae-les - tis, De-us_ Pa-ter om - ni - po - tens. Do - mi - ne_ Fi - li Do - mi - ne_ De - us, _ Chri - ste. A-gnusDe - i, Fi - li - us__ Pa - tris. Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi-se - re - re_ no - bis. Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, sus-ci - pe de-pre-ca-ti-o- nem_ nos-tram. Qui_ se - des_ ad dex - te-ram Pa - tris,

Quo - ni - am_ tu___ so-lus sanc- tus.

Tu_ so - lus Do-mi - nus,

mi-se - re - re__ nob - is.

Requiem Mass

