

For Jeffrey Reynolds and the Trinity Compline Choir

Nunc dimittis

(Song of Simeon)

Text: Luke 2:29-31, *Gloria Patri*

Music: Charles H. Giffen

(Candlemas, 2011)

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

$\text{♩} = 40$
p

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

LORD, now let - - - test thou

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7 *pp* *mp* *p* *mp*

crescendo *diminuendo*

thy ser-vant de - part in peace: ac - cord -

8 *pp* *mp* *p* *mp*

crescendo *diminuendo*

thy ser-vant de - part in peace: ac - cord - ing to

8 *pp* *mp* *p* *mp*

crescendo *diminuendo*

thy ser-vant de - part in peace: ac - cord - ing

8 *pp* *mp* *p* *mp*

crescendo *diminuendo*

thy ser-vant de - part in peace: ac -

7

13 *p* *mp*

crescendo

- ing to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy sal -

p *mp*

crescendo

thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy sal -

p *mp*

crescendo

to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy sal -

p *mp*

crescendo

cord - ing to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy sal -

13

19 *f* *mf*

va - tion, Which thou hast pre - pared be -

va - tion, Which thou hast pre - pared be - fore the

va - tion, Which thou hast pre - pared be - fore the

va - tion, Which thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face

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23 *p* *pp* *mp* *f* *decrescendo*

fore the face of all peo - ple, To be a light to light-en the

face of all peo - ple, To be a light to light-en the

face of all peo - ple, To be a light to light-en the

of all peo - ple, To be a light to light-en the

23

30 *mp* *mf* *crescendo*

Gen - tiles, _____ and to be the glo - ry

mp *mf* *crescendo*

Gen - tiles, _____ and to be the glo - - - - ry

mp *mf* *crescendo*

Gen - tiles, _____ and to be the glo - - - - - ry

mp *mf* *crescendo*

Gen - tiles, _____ and to be the glo - - - - - ry

30

ff *mf* Slightly faster (♩ = 44)

of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the

ff *mf*

of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the

ff *mf*

of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the

ff *mf*

of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the

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41 *mp* *rallentando* **Slower** (♩ = 68) *p*

Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

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Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - - - ly Ghost;

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This system contains four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in G major with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The piano part is in the same key and features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. The tempo is marked 'Slower' with a half note equal to 68 beats per minute. Dynamics range from mezzo-piano (mp) to piano (p). The lyrics are 'Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;'.

Tempo primo (♩ = 40)

47 *p*

As it was in the be -

As it was in the be - gin - -

As it was in the be - gin -

As it was in the be - gin - ning,

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This system continues the vocal and piano parts. The tempo returns to 'Tempo primo' with a half note equal to 40 beats per minute. The vocal parts have rests for the first few measures before entering with the lyrics 'As it was in the be -'. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with sustained chords and moving lines. Dynamics are marked piano (p). The lyrics are 'As it was in the be -', 'As it was in the be - gin - -', 'As it was in the be - gin -', and 'As it was in the be - gin - ning,'.

53 *mp* *mf*

gin - ning, _____ is now, and _____ ev - er shall be, _____

mp *mf*

ning, _____ is now, and _____ ev - er shall be, _____

mp *mf*

ning, _____ is now, and _____ ev - er shall be, _____

mp *mf*

_____ is now, and _____ ev - er shall be, _____

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Adagio (♩ = 68) Allargando (♩ = 56) Morendo

59 *p* *mp* *p* *pp*

world with-out end. A - - - - men. _____

p *mp* *p* *pp*

world with-out end. A - - - - men. _____

p *mp* *p* *pp*

world with - out end. A - - - - men. _____

p *mp* *p* *pp*

world with - - - - out end. A - - - - men. _____

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