NOTES

The following transcription is intended only for performing purpose and doesn't seek any critical goal.

The key, time signatures, note values, accidentals and colourings are as in the original print, apart from:

- the B sharps are converted in B natural

The C clefs are transposed in G and modern Tenor clefs.

Instead of marking the "ligaturae" with the usual square brackets, I tried to keep their original shape, as far as possible in the score alignment, to make them more visible (in this composition the coloured "ligatura" in the second voice of the Chorus III has to be performed as follows: semibrevis and dotted minima).

In the music before the baroque, the Time Signatures are intended just only as "time" prescription, i.e. which note value as to be counted (mensura) and how the different note values are to be divided (perfection and imperfection). This music is above all a vocal music and its rhythm (the accents) is based upon the text rhythm (the text accents) either following or contrasting it. The text rhythm being not modular by definition, forcing a bar division, i.e. a modular rhythm, upon this music is a theoretical error involving practical ones: to put the accents in the wrong place and to prevent a correct understanding of the melodic flowing.

The single voices are put together in score for a better overall sight of the composition's harmonic, melodic and rhythmic structure.

If you have any doubt you can download free the fac-simile of the original print from the following address:

http://www.kb.dk/da/nb/samling/ma/digmus/pre1700_indices/praetorius.html

Venite exultemus Domino

In festo Natalis Resurrectionis Ascensionis





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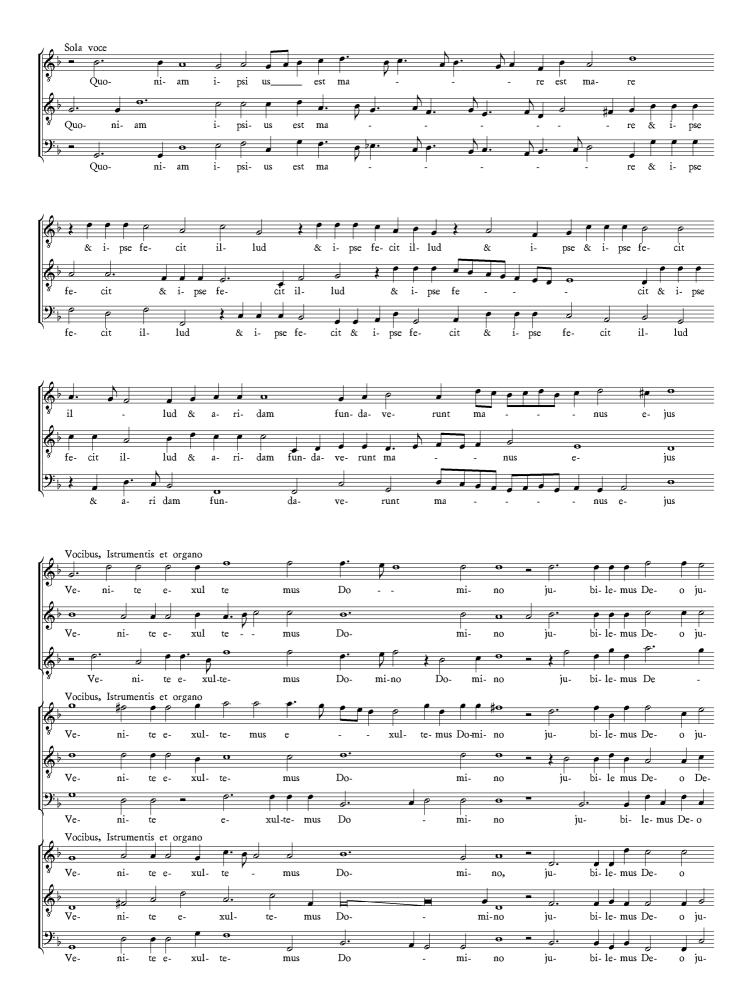
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