

Thomas Tallis
Mass for 4 voices
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Thomas Tallis: Mass in 4 voices
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This is a practical edition meant to make this mass possible for mixed choruses, by transposing it up a perfect fifth. I was shocked not to find such an edition anywhere online, created this one to meet my needs, and thought I should post it so that others would not have to do likewise. The text was taken from several published editions, which may and should be consulted for their critical commentary. Indeed, this should be done whenever possible, when using a cpdl edition, or any performance edition, as sourcing and accuracy are frequently suspect.

Note values have been reduced by half. The half note is the smallest value that should receive a beat. Any attempt to beat quarter notes will bog the tempo down and result in musical FAIL. On the other hand, a spacious tempo often seems indicated.

The only editorial decision that might be controversial is that I have evened end-of phrase cutoffs, where one voice has a different note value than others. Each of these instances is marked in the score.

The Gloria and Credo will require incipits for the priest. Everyone using this has access to a Liber Usualis (if not physically, then for free online: <http://musicasacra.com/pdf/liberusualis.pdf>) and can choose incipits of the proper mode. Yes, I know, that's the editor's job. You get what you pay for. You will also need to provide a Kyrie for liturgical use; many English masses did not include the Kyrie as the Sarum rite used troped Kyries that varied seasonally.

Jeffrey Quick, 4/21/2010

Changes to 2nd ed. 1/2011:

1. Fixed a rendering problem in the Sanctus that kept several pages from displaying or printing in Windows.
2. Discovered that the Credo was not licit for use because of a large excision of text, common to many (but apparently not all) English masses of this period. I solved this problem by inserting the relevant portion of the Sarum Credo (they only used one, Credo I), as well as the incipits for the Gloria and Credo, taken from Nick Sandon, *The Use of Salisbury: The Ordinary of the Mass* (Newton Abbot UK : Antico, 1984). Note that they are at their original pitch, which means they are not in the same mode as the rest of the mass. This does not give offence to the ear or create problems for the singers. If purists have high enough voices to sing them up a fifth musically, be my guest.
3. Inserted missed slurs, improved layout.
4. The tenor line is high at this pitch. The alto line is low. Depending on the capabilities of your choir, feel free to perform this in F# or even F.

Changes to 3rd ed. 2/2013

1. REALLY fixed the rendering problem, this time. Didn't I?
2. Increased lyric font size from 12 pt to 14.

Mass for Four Voices

I. Gloria

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Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

8 Glo - ri - a in ex-cel - sis De - o Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni-bus bo-

Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni-bus bo-

Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni-bus bo-

Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni-bus bo-

3

S nae vo-lun-ta - tis. Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci-mus te. Ad - o -

A nae vo-lun-ta - tis. Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci-mus te. Ad - o -

T nae vo-lun-ta - tis. Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci-mus te.

B nae vo-lun-ta - tis. Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci-mus te. Ad - o -

6

S ra - mus te. Glo - ri - fi-ca-mus te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te

A ra - mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te

T Ad - o - ra - mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te

B ra - mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te

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Soprano (S): Do - mi - ne
Alto (A): Chri - ste.
Tenor (T): Do - mi - ne
Bass (B): su Chri - - ste. Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni -

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Soprano (S): ge - ni - te u-ni-ge - ni - te Je - su Chri - - ste. Do - mi - ne De -
Alto (A): Je - su Chri - - ste. Do - mi - ne De -
Tenor (T): Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te Je - su Chri - - ste. Do - mi - ne
Bass (B): ge - ni - te u-ni-ge - - ni - te Je - su Chri - - ste. Do - mi - ne

30

Soprano (S): us, A - gnus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris. Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,
Alto (A): us, A - gnus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris. Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, Qui
Tenor (T): De - us, A-gnus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris. Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun -
Bass (B): De - us, A-gnus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris. Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun -

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Soprano (S): Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no -
Alto (A): tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no -
Tenor (T): di, Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no -
Bass (B): di, Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no -

3

37

Soprano (S): bis. mi - se-re-re no - bis. Qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun -

Alto (A): bis. mi-se-re - re no - bis. Qui tol-lis pec - ca - ta mun

Tenor (T): 8 bis. mi-se-re - re no - bis. Qui tol - lis Qui tol-lis pec-

Bass (B): bis. mi-se-re - re no - bis. Qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta Qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta

40

Soprano (S): di, sus - ci-pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no -

Alto (A): di, sus - ci - pe de-pre-ca - ti - o - nem no -

Tenor (T): 8 ca - ta mun - di, sus - ci - pe de-pre-ca - ti - o - nem no -

Bass (B): mun - di, sus - ci-pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no -

43

Soprano (S): stram, Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, Pa -

Alto (A): stram, Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, Pa -

Tenor (T): 8 stram, Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, Pa -

Bass (B): stram, Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, Pa -

46

Soprano (S): dex - te-ram De - i Pa-tris, mi-se-re - re no-bis. mi-se-re - re no -

Alto (A): des ad dex-te-ram Pa - tris, mi-se-re - re no - bis. mi-se-re - re no -

Tenor (T): 8 tris, mi-se-re - re no - bis. mi-se-re - re no -

Bass (B): tris, mi-se-re - re no -

49

Soprano (S): bis. Quo - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus, Tu so -

Alto (A): bis. Quo - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus, Tu so -

Tenor (T): bis. Quo - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus, Tu so -

Bass (B): bis. Quo - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus, Tu so -

53

Soprano (S): lus Do - mi-nus. Tu so - lus Al - tis - si - mus, Je - su Chri -

Alto (A): lus Do - mi - nus. Tu so - lus Al - tis - si - mus, Je - su Chri -

Tenor (T): 8 Do - mi - nus. Tu so - lus Al - tis - si-mus, Je - su Chri -

Bass (B): Do - mi - nus. Tu so - lus Al - tis - si-mus, Je - su Chri -

57

Soprano (S): ste. Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. in

Alto (A): ste. Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.

Tenor (T): 8 ste. Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. in glo - ri -

Bass (B): ste. Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. in glo - ri -

61

Soprano (S): glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

Alto (A): in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

Tenor (T): 8 a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

Bass (B): a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

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II. Credo

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Soprano (S): Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem, fa - cto - rem
Alto (A): Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem, fa -
Tenor (T): 8 Cre - do in u - num De - um. Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem, fa -
Bass (B): Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem, fa - cto - rem

Soprano (S): cae - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um o - mni -
Alto (A): cto - rem cae - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um o - mni -
Tenor (T): 8 cto - rem cae - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um o - mni -
Bass (B): cae - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um o - mni - um o - mni -

Soprano (S): 5 um et in - vi - si - bi - li - um. Et in
Alto (A): um et in - vi - si - bi - li - um. Et in
Tenor (T): 8 um et in - vi - si - bi - li - um. Et in
Bass (B): um et in - vi - si - bi - li - um. Et in

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8

S u - num Do - mi-num Je - sum Chri - stum, Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge -
A u - num Do - mi-num
T u - num Do - mi-num Je - sum Chri - stum, Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni -
B u - num Do - mi-num

11

S ni - tum. Et ex Pa - tre na - tum an - te o - mni - a
A Et ex Pa - tre na - tum an - te o -
T tum. Et ex Pa - tre na - tum an - te o - mni - a
B Et ex Pa - tre na - tum an - te o - mni -

14

S sae - cu - la. De - um de De - o, lu - men de
A mni - a sae - cu - la. De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi -
T sae - cu - la. De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi - ne, De -
B a sae - cu - la. De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi -

17

S lu - mi - ne, De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro.
A ne, De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro. Ge - ni - tum non
T um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro.
B ne, De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro. Ge - ni - tum non

21

S A T B

Ge - ni - tum non fa - ctum,
fa - ctum, con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa - tre:
8 Ge - ni - tum non fa - ctum, con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa -
fa - ctum, con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa -

24

S A T B

per quem o-mni-a fa - cta sunt. Qui pro - pter
tre: per quem o - mni - a fa - cta sunt. Qui pro - pter nos
tre: per quem o - mni - a fa - cta sunt.

27

S A T B

Qui pro - pter nos ho - mi-nes, et pro - pter nos - tram sa - lu -
nos ho - mi - nes, et pro - pter nos-tram sa - lu - tem de -
8 ho - mi-nes, et pro - pter nos - tram sa - lu - tem sa - lu -
Qui pro - pter nos ho - mi-nes, et pro - pter nos - tram sa - lu -

31

S A T B

tem de - scen-dit de cae - lis. Et in - car - na - tus
scen - dit de cae - lis. Et in - car - na - tus est
8 tem de-scen-dit de cae - lis. Et in - car - na - tus est de
tem de - scen-dit de cae - lis. Et in - car - na - tus est de

8

36

S est de Spi - ri - tu San - cto ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne
 A de Spi - ri - tu San - cto ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne ex Ma -
 T 8 Spi - ri - tu San - cto ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne Vir -
 B Spi - ri - tu San - cto ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne Vir - gi -

39

S ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne et ho - mo fa - c tus est. fa - c tus
 A ri - a Vir - gi - ne et ho - mo fa - c tus est. fa - c tus
 T 8 gi - ne ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne et ho - mo fa - c tus est. et ho - mo fa - c tus
 B ne ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne et ho - mo fa - c tus est. et ho - mo fa - c tus

42

S est. et ho - mo fa - c tus est. Cru-ci - fi - xus e - ti - am pro
 A est. et ho - mo fa - c tus est. Cru-ci - fi - xus e - ti - am pro no -
 T 8 est. et ho - mo fa - c tus est. Cru-ci - fi - xus e - ti - am Cru-ci - fi - xus
 B est. et ho - mo fa - c tus est. Cru-ci - fi - xus e - ti - am Cru-ci - fi - xus e - ti -

45

S no - bis sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la
 A bis sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la
 T 8 e - ti - am pro no - bis sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la
 B am pro no - bis sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la

48

S A T B

to pas - sus et se - sus
to pas - sus
to pas - sus et se - pul - tus est. se - pul -
to pas - sus et se - pul - tus est. pas - sus

pul - tus est. se - pul - tus est. se - pul -
et se - pul - tus est. se - pul - tus est. se - pul -
tus est. pas - sus et se-pul - tus est. se-pul -
et se - pul - tus est. se - pul - tus

est. Et re - sur-re - xit ter-ti-a di - e se-cun-dum Scri - ptu -
est. Et re - sur-re - xit ter - ti - a di - e se-cun - dum Scri - ptu -
est. Et re - sur-re - xit ter - ti - a di - e se-cun - dum Scri - ptu -
est. Et re - sur-re - xit ter - ti - a di - e se - cun - dum Scri -

ras. Et a - scen - dit in cae - lum: se-det ad dex - te-ram Pa - tris.
ras. Et a - scen - dit in cae - lum: se - det ad dex - te-ram Pa - tris.
ras. Et a - scen - dit in cae - lum: se - det ad dex - te-ram Pa - tris.
ptu - ras. Et a - scen - dit in cae - lum: se - det ad dex - te-ram Pa - tris.

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T 63
 Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a ju - di - ca -
 T 65
 re vi - vos et mor-tu - os. Cu - ius re - gni non e - rit fi - nis. Et in Spi - ri - tum San-ctum Do -
 T 68
 mi-num et vi - vi - fi - can-tem. Qui ex Pa - tre Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li -
 T 72
 o si - mul a - do - ra - tur et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur. Qui lo - cu - tus est per pro - phe - tas.
 T 75
 Et u - nam san-ctam ca - tho - li - cam et a - po - sto - li - cam ec - cle - si - am.
 T 78
 Con - fi - te - or u - num ba - pti - sma in re - mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.
 S 81
 Et ex - spe cto re-sur-re cti - o nem mor - tu -
 A
 Et ex - spe cto re-sur-re cti - o nem mor - tu - o -
 T
 Et ex - spe cto re-sur-re cti - o nem
 B
 Et ex - spe cto re-sur-re cti - o nem
 S 84
 o - rum mor - tu - o - rum Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae -
 A
 rum Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae -
 T
 mor - tu - o - rum Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - cu
 B
 mor - tu - o - rum Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - cu

88

S cu-li.
A cu-li.
T li.
B li. sae - cu-li. Et vi-tam ven-tu-ri sae - cu - li. sae - cu - li. sae -

91

S Et vi-tam ven-tu-ri sae - cu -
A cu-li.
T cu-li. Et vi-tam ven-tu-ri sae - cu -
B Et vi-tam ven-tu-ri sae - cu -

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S li. A men.
A li. A men.
T li. A men.
B li. A men.

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III. Sanctus

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Soprano (S): San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus

Alto (A): San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus

Tenor (T): San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus

Bass (B): San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus

Section 2:

Soprano (S): Do - mi-nus De - us Sa - ba -

Alto (A): Do - mi-nus De - us Sa - ba - oth,

Tenor (T): Do - mi-nus De - us Sa - ba - oth, Do - mi-nus De - us Sa -

Bass (B): Do - mi-nus De - us Sa - ba - oth,

Section 3:

Soprano (S): oth, Do - mi-nus De - us Sa - ba -

Alto (A): Do - mi-nus De - us Sa - ba -

Tenor (T): ba - oth, Do - mi-nus De - us Sa -

Bass (B): Do - mi-nus De - us Sa - ba - oth, Sa - ba -

Soprano (S):

Alto (A):

Tenor (T):

Bass (B):

10
S A T B
Soprano (S):
Alto (A):
Tenor (T):
Bass (B):

14
S A T B
Soprano (S):
Alto (A):
Tenor (T):
Bass (B):

16
S A T B
Soprano (S):
Alto (A):
Tenor (T):
Bass (B):

18
S A T B
Soprano (S):
Alto (A):
Tenor (T):
Bass (B):

22

S A T B a glo - ri - a tu - a glo - ri - a tu - a
 S A T B tu - a glo - ri - a tu - a glo - ri - a tu - a
 S A T B a glo - ri - a tu - a glo - ri - a tu - a
 S A T B tu - a glo - ri - a tu - a glo - ri - a tu - a

25

S A T B glo - ri - a tu - a Ho - san - na
 S A T B glo - ri - a tu - a Ho - san - na
 S A T B glo - ri - a tu - a Ho - san - na
 S A T B glo - ri - a tu - a Ho - san - na

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S A T B in ex - cel sis. Ho - san - na in ex - cel
 S A T B in ex - cel sis. Ho - san - na in ex - cel
 S A T B in ex - cel sis. Ho - san - na
 S A T B in ex - cel sis. Ho - san - na in ex -

31

S A T B sis.
 S A T B sis.
 S A T B in ex - cel sis. Be - ne - di - ctus qui
 S A T B cel sis. Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve

34

S
A
T
B

Be - ne - di - c^tus qui ve - nit Be - ne - di -
ve - nit qui ve - nit Be - ne - di -
nit qui ve - -

37

S
A
T
B

ctus qui ve - nit qui ve - nit
ctus qui ve - nit qui ve - nit
nit Be - ne - di - c^tus qui

40

S
A
T
B

Be - ne - di - c^tus qui ve -
nit Be - ne - di - etus qui ve -
Be - ne - di - c^tus qui ve -
ve - nit qui ve - nit

43

S
A
T
B

nit qui ve - nit
nit qui ve - nit
nit qui ve - nit
Be - ne - di - c^tus qui ve - nit

Soprano (S) voice part:

47: *in no - mi-ne*

50: *in no - mi-ne*

53: *Do - mi ni in no - mi-ne Do - mi ni*

57: *Ho - san - na in ex - cel sis. Ho - san - sis.*

Alto (A) voice part:

47: *in no - mi-ne*

50: *no - mi-ne Do - mi ni*

53: *in no - mi-ne Do - mi ni in no - mi-ne Do - mi ni*

57: *Ho - san - na in ex - cel*

Tenor (T) voice part:

47: *in no - mi-ne*

50: *ni*

53: *in no - mi-ne Do - mi ni*

57: *cel sis.*

Bass (B) voice part:

47: *in no - mi-ne*

50: *mi - ne Do*

53: *mi - ni in no - mi-ne Do - mi ni*

57: *Ho - sis. Ho - san - sis. Ho -*

60

S na in ex - cel sis. Ho - san - na
A sis. Ho - san - na in ex - cel sis.
T cel sis. Ho - san - na in ex - cel sis.
B san - na in ex - cel sis. Ho - san - na

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S in ex - cel sis. Ho-san-na in ex-cel sis.
A Ho-san-na in ex-cel sis. Ho - san - na in ex - cel sis.
T sis. Ho - san - na in ex - cel sis. sis. in ex-cel sis.
B in ex - cel sis. Ho-san-na in ex - cel sis. Ho-san-na in ex - cel sis. Ho - san - na in ex - cel sis.

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IV. Agnus Dei

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The musical score for the Agnus Dei section of Thomas Tallis's Mass for Four Voices. The score is for four voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The music is in common time, with key signatures of one sharp throughout. The vocal parts are arranged in a four-line staff system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1:

- Soprano (S): A - gnu s De - i qui tol -
- Alto (A): A - gnu s De - i qui tol -
- Tenor (T): 8 A - gnu s De - i qui tol - lis pec -
- Bass (B): A - gnu s De - i qui tol -

System 2:

- Soprano (S): lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re
- Alto (A): lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re no -
- Tenor (T): ca - ta mun - di: mi-se-re-re no -
- Bass (B): lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi-se -

System 3:

- Soprano (S): no - bis. mi-se-re - re no -
- Alto (A): - bis. mi-se - re - re no -
- Tenor (T): - bis. mi-se-re - re no - bis. mi-se-re -
- Bass (B): re - re no - bis. mi-se-re - re no - bis. mi-se-re -

1. Whole note in source

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Soprano (S): Soprano part with lyrics.

Alto (A): Alto part with lyrics.

Tenor (T): Tenor part with lyrics.

Bass (B): Bass part with lyrics.

Measure 11:

S: bis. mi-se-re - re no - bis. A - gnu

A: bis. mi-se-re - re no - bis. A - gnu

T: 8 re mi-se-re - re no - bis. no - bis. A - gnu

B: re no - bis. A - gnu

Measure 15:

S: i qui tol lis pec ca ta mun di:

A: De - i qui tol lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:

T: 8 De - i qui tol lis pec - ca - ta mun

B: De - i qui tol lis pec - ca - ta mun - di:

Measure 18:

S: mi - se - re - re no - bis. mi - se - re -

A: mi - se - re - re no - bis. mi - se - re - re mi - se - re - re no -

T: 8 di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.

B: mi - se - re - re no - bis. mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Measure 20:

S: re no - bis. A - gnu De - i qui tol -

A: bis. no - bis. A - gnu De - i qui tol - lis

T: 8 mi - se - re - re no - bis. A - gnu De - i qui tol - lis pec -

B: mi - se - re - re no - bis. A - gnu De - i qui

24

S lis qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta qui tol - lis pec -
A qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta qui tol - lis pec - ca
T 8 ca - ta qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta pec - ca - ta qui tol - lis pec -
B tol - lis pec - ca - ta qui tol - lis pec - ca -

27

S ca - ta mun - di: mun -
A ta mun -
T 8 ca - ta mun -
B ta pec - ca - ta mun -

30

S di: do - na no - bis pa -
A di: do - na no - bis pa -
T 8 di: do - na no - bis pa -
B di: do - na no - bis do - na no - bis pa -

34

S cem do - na no - bis pa - cem
A cem do - na no - bis pa - cem
T 8 cem do - na no - bis pa - cem
B cem do - na no - bis pa - cem

21

cem do - na no - bis pa - cem