

Giovanni Battista Steffanini
(1574 - 1630)

O sacramentum pietatis

à7

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Source: Schadeus, A. and Vincenti, C. (eds.), (1612) *Promptuarii musici, pars altera*, Strassburg: Kieffer and Ledertz. No. 66 (given erroneously as 70 in the *Bassis generalis* partbook).

Critical commentary: Comprised of source readings not retained in the Edition, and emendations to source bass figuring. In the order bar, part, object, comment.

2, Bg, sharpened 6 for source #

16, A & T, *unde*

33, Bg, sharpened 6 for source #

35,C,3, #

35, Bg, # for source 4

37, 7, n4, crotchet

40,7,5, #

44,A,3, #

45, A, n3, B \natural

45, A, n4, semibreve

50, sharpened 6 for source #

65,C,3, #

69,5,4, #

Editorial method and notes:

Original pitch, time signatures, part names and note durations have been retained. Clefs have been modernised - original clefs appear in prefatory staves. The overall range of each underlaid part is given in black stemless notes before the initial time signature, to which the music has been barred.

Editorial accidentals appear above the stave, whereas courtesy accidentals appear in parentheses.

Figuring appears as it does in the source, with two exceptions:

1) It appears consistently below the stave, according to the current convention.

2) Chromatic major thirds are consistently spelled as #.

Text and translation: Punctuation has been standardised. Ditto marks in the source underlay have been expanded using italics.

O sacramentum pietatis.

O signum unitatis.

O vinculum charitatis.

Qui vult videre habet ubi vivat, habet unde vivat.

Accedat credat, incorporetur vivificetur,

non sit putre membrum, sit pulchrum, sit aptum,

haereat corpori vivat Deo,

nunc laboret in terra, ut postea regnet in coelo.

O sacrament of piety!

O sign of unity!

O bond of charity!

He who wishes to live has a place to live, has whence to live.

Let him believe, let him be embodied, that he may be revived in life.

Let him not be corrupt, let him be fair and sound,

let him cleave to the body, live for God:

now let him labour on earth, so that afterwards he may reign in heaven.

Liturgical use: suitable for Communion.

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Cantus (I. Cantus) 

Altus 

Tenor 

Quinta vox 

Septima vox 

Sexta vox (2. Tenor) 

Bassus 

Bassis generalis 



5 6 7 8

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5. O si - gnum, O si - gnum u - ni - ta - tis, O vin - cu-lum,

7. O si - gnum, O si - gnum cha - ri - ta - tis, O vin - cu-lum, O

6. si - - - gnum, O si - gnum u - ni - ta - - tis, O vin - cu-lum,

B. O si - gnum, O si - gnum u - ni - ta - - tis, O vin - cu-lum,

7 6 5



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C. Qui vult vi - de-re, qui vult vi - de-re ha - bet u - bi vi -

A. Qui vult vi - de-re, qui vult vi - de-re ha - bet u - bi vi -

T. Qui vult vi - de-re, qui vult vi - de-re ha - bet u - bi vi -

5. O vin - cu - lum cha - ri - ta - tis.

7. vin - cu - lum, O vin - cu - lum cha - ri - ta - tis.

6. O vin - cu - lum cha - ri - ta - tis.

B. O vin - cu - lum cha - ri - ta - tis.

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C. vat, ha - bet un - de vi - vat, ha - bet un-de vi - vat.

A. vat, ha - bet un-de vi - vat, ha - bet un - de vi - vat.

T. vat, ha - bet un-de vi - vat, ha - bet un-de vi - vat.

5. Ac - ce - dat cre - - -

7. Ac - ce - dat cre - -

6. Ac - ce - dat cre - - dat,

B. Ac - ce - dat cre - -

6 5 6

22

C. in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,
A. in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,
T. in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,

5. dat, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi -
7. dat, in cor-po - re - tur vi -
6. cre - dat, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi -
B. dat, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi -
Bass. #

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C. in - cor-po - re - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,
A. in - cor-po - re - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,
T. in - cor-po - re - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,
5. ce - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,
7. vi - fi - ce - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,
6. ce - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,
B. ce - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur, in - cor-po - re - tur vi - vi - fi - ce - tur,

31

C. non sit pu - tre mem - - - brum, sit pul - chrum, sit ap - tum, sit sa - num,

A. non sit pu - tre mem - - - brum, sit pul - chrum, sit ap - tum, sit sa - num,

T. non sit pu - tre mem - - - brum, sit pul - chrum, sit ap - tum, sit sa - num,

5. hae -

7. hae -

6. hae - re - at

B. hae -

6 6 6 6 5 7 ð 4 #

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C. hae -

A.

T.

5. - re - at cor - po - ri vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De - o de De -

7. - re - at cor - po - ri vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De - o de De -

6. cor - - - po - ri vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De - o de De -

B. - re - at cor - po - ri vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De - o de De -

7 6 # #

41

C. re-at cor - po - ri, vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De - o,
A. hae - re-at cor - po - ri, vi - vat De - o de De - o, vi - vat De - o,
T. hae - re-at cor - po - ri, vi - vat De - o de De - o, vi - vat De - o,

5. o, vi - vat De - o, vi - vat

7. - o, vi - vat De - o, vi - vat De -

6. o, vi - vat De - o, vi - vat

B. o, vi - vat De - o, vi - vat

7 6 #

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C. vi - vat De - o de De - o, ut
A. vi - vat De - o de De - o, ut
T. vi - vat De - o de De - o, ut

5. De - o, vi - vat De - o de De - o, nunc la - bo - - ret in ter - ra,

7. o, vi - vat De - o de De - o, nunc la - bo - - ret in ter - ra,

6. De - o, vi - vat De - o de De - o, nunc la - bo - - ret in ter - ra,

B. De - o, vi - vat De - o de De - o, nunc la - bo - - ret in ter - ra,

b6 5 5 6 b

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C. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

A. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

T. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

5. ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re-gnet in coe - lo,

7. ut po - ste - a re-gnet in coe - lo, re-gnet in coe - lo,

6. ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re-gnet in coe - lo,

B. ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re-gnet in coe - lo,

6 5

57

C. — po - ste - a, ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

A. po - ste - a, ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

T. po - ste - a, ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

5. ut po - ste - a, ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

7. ut po - ste - a, ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

6. ut po - ste - a, ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

B. ut po - ste - a, ut po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, ut

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C. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - - -

A. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - - - lo, in coe - -

T. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - - -

5. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - - -

7. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - - -

6. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - - - re -

B. po - ste - a re - gnet in coe - lo, re - gnet in coe - - -

66

C. - lo, re - gnet in coe - - - lo.

A. lo, re - gnet in coe - - - lo.

T. lo, re - gnet in coe - - - lo.

5. - lo, re - gnet in coe - - - lo.

7. - lo, re - gnet in coe - - - lo.

6. gnet in coe - - - lo, re - gnet in coe - - - lo.

B. lo, re - gnet in coe - - - lo.