

8. Ave verum corpus

Fourteenth-century hymn, sometimes attributed
to Pope Innocent VI (d. 1342)

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SOPRANO

A - ve ve - rum cor - - - pus,
Hail, O *hail* *true* *bo* - - - *dy,*

ALTO

A - ve ve - rum cor - - - pus,
Hail, O *hail* *true* *bo* - - - *dy,*

TENOR

8 A - ve ve - rum cor - - - pus,
Hail, O *hail* *true* *bo* - - - *dy,*

BASS

A - ve ve - rum cor - - - pus,
Hail, O *hail* *true* *bo* - - - *dy,*

ORGAN

p

This anthem may be sung a semitone higher.

All dynamics are editorial.

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na - tum de Ma - ri - - a Vir - gi - ne: Ve -
spot - less vir - gin's vir - - - - gin birth: Thou -

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- re pas - sum, im - mo - la - - tum in -
— who tru - ly hang - edst wea - ry up -

- re pas - sum, im - - mo - la - - tum in -
— who tru - ly hang - - edst wea - - ry

- re pas - sum, im - - mo - la - - tum in - cru -
— who tru - ly hang - - edst wea - - ry up - on

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— who tru - ly hang - - edst wea - - ry up -

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cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne: Cu - ius la - tus per - fo -
 - on the cru - el cross: Thou whose sa - cred side was ri -
 in cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne: Cu - ius la - tus per - fo -
 up - on the cru - el cross: Thou whose sa - cred side was
 ce pro ho - mi - ne: Cu - ius la - tus per - fo -
 the cru - el cross: Thou whose sa - cred side was
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 cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne: Cu - ius la - tus per - fo -
 - on the cru - el cross: Thou whose sa - cred side was

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- - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne, san - gui -
 - - ven, whence the stream of wa - ter and blood did
 - ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne, san - gui -
 - ri - ven, whence the stream of wa - ter and blood did
 8 - ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui -
 - ri - ven, whence the stream of blood did
 - ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui -
 - ri - ven, whence the stream of blood did
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 - ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui -
 - ri - ven, whence the stream of blood did

22 *f*

- ne: Es - to no - bis prea - gu - sta - tum in mor - tis
flow: O may'st thou, dear Lord be gi - ven at death's hour.

- ne: Es - to no - bis prea - gu - sta - tum in mor - tis, in
flow: O may'st thou, dear Lord be gi - ven at death's hour, at

- ne: Es - to no - bis prea - gu - sta - tum in mor - tis
flow: O may'st thou, dear Lord be gi - ven at death's hour.

22 *f*

- ne: Es - to no - bis prea - gu - sta - tum in mor - tis
flow: O may'st thou, dear Lord be gi - ven at death's hour

f

27 *dim.* *mf*

— ex - a - mi - ne. O dul - cis, O pi - e, O
— to be my food. O ten - der, O lov - ing,

dim. *mf*

mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O dul - cis, O pi - e,
death's hour to be my food. O ten - der, O lov - ing,

dim. *mf*

— ex - a - mi - ne. O dul - cis, O pi - e,
— to be my food. O ten - der, O lov - ing,

dim. *mf*

- tis ex - a - mi - ne. O dul - cis, O pi - e, O
hour to be my food. O ten - der, O lov - ing, O

27 *dim.* *mf*

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dim.

Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,
O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,
O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,
O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,

dim.

Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,
O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,
O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,

dim.

Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,
O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,
O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri ae, ry,

dim.

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mp

mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy, mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy, mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy, mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy,

mp

mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy, mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy, mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy, mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy,

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mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy, mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy, mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy, mi - se - re - re me - i, show on me thy mer - cy,

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dim.

1 *mf*

mi - se - re - re me - i, me - - - - i. o
show on me thy mer - cy, mer - - - - cy. o
dim.

me - i, mi - se - re - re me - - - - i.
mer - cy, show on me thy mer - - - - cy.
dim.

- - i, me - i, mi - se - re - re me - - i.
- - cy, mer - cy, show on me thy mer - - cy.
dim.

me - i, mi - se - re - re me - - - - i.
mer - cy, show on me thy mer - - - - cy.

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dim.

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- i. A - - - men.
- cy. A - - - men.

- i. A - - - men.
- cy. A - - - men.

- i. A - - - men.
- cy. A - - - men.

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