

NOTES

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

The keys, notes' values, accidentals and colourings are as in the original manuscript apart from:

- the perfect breves are dotted
- ties are used for notes' values that cannot be exactly represented

The C clefs are transposed to the G clef and the modern Tenor clef.

The Time signature is missing in all the voices. From the context I assumed that it would be the "Tempus perfectum, Prolatio minor"

Instead of marking the "ligaturæ" 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. To represent the notes' values I used the following rules (simplifying the old ones):

- the left upstemmed notes are semibreves
- the notes without stem are breves
- the right downstemmed notes are longæ

I decided to keep the original manuscript's text placement, positioned above the staves, to leave the performers the freedom to make the effective text placement at their own judgement.

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 places and to prevent a correct understanding of the melodic flowing.

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

If you have any doubt you can download the fac simile of the manuscript from the following address:

http://www.trentinocultura.net/catalogo/manoscrittimusicali/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=19772&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=1&mode=2&in_hi_userid=19324&cached=true

Those peoples interested in the mensural notation can find useful to visit the following website (only Italian, sorry):

<http://www.musica-antica.info/paleografia/>

Benedicamus Domino

Benedicamus do

[O] Benedicamus do

Benedicamus do

The first system consists of three staves. The top staff begins with the text 'Benedicamus do' above a treble clef. The middle staff begins with a circled 'O' symbol above a treble clef and the text 'Benedicamus do'. The bottom staff begins with the text 'Benedicamus do' above a bass clef. All three staves contain musical notation including notes, rests, and bar lines.

The second system consists of three staves of musical notation, continuing the piece from the first system. It features treble and bass clefs and various musical symbols.

The third system consists of three staves of musical notation, continuing the piece. It features treble and bass clefs and various musical symbols.

The fourth system consists of three staves of musical notation, continuing the piece. The word 'mino' is written above the top staff, above the middle staff, and above the bottom staff. The system concludes with a double bar line.