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MISSA  
BREVIS

FOR SATB CHOIR AND ORGAN

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## MISSA BREVIS

JOHN RUTTER

### I. Kyrie

**Andante fluente**  $\text{♩} = 72$

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

ORGAN Man.

Ped.

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Chri - ste,  
*mf*

Chri - ste,  
*mf*

*cresc.*

*mf dolce*

Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e\_\_\_\_e - le - i - son.  
*cresc.* *mf dolce*

Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e\_\_\_\_e - le - i - son.

*cresc.*

*mf*

*Sw.*

9

Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e -  
Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e -

*Sw.*

*(b)*

*(b)*

14

**poco stringendo**  
*p cresc. poco a poco*

- le - i - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son,  
*p cresc. poco a poco*  
- le - i - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son,

**poco stringendo**  
*p cresc. poco a poco*

8

18

**Poco più mosso** ♩ = 84

Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,  
Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,  
*mp cresc.* Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,  
*mf cresc.*

**Poco più mosso** ♩ = 84

8

\*The small notes are alternatives.

23

*rilassando*

Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e -  
*mf* dim. *mp* dim.

Chri - - ste e - le - i - son, e -  
*mf* dim. *mp* dim.

Chri - - - ste e - le - i - son, e -  
*mf* dim. *mp* dim.

Chri - - - ste e - le - i - son, e -  
*mf* dim. *mp* dim.

Chri - - - ste e - le - i - son, e -  
*mf* dim. *mp* dim.

Ch. *rilassando*

*mf* dim. *mp* dim.

28

*Tempo I (ma più tranquillo)*

-le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,  
*p* tranquillo

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

*p* tranquillo

*Tempo I (ma più tranquillo)*  
(Sw.)

(Sw.) *p*

Ch. or Sw.

32

Chri - ste, Chri - ste e -

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste e -

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

36

rall.

- le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. p dim. pp

e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. p dim. pp

e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. p dim. pp

rall.

p dim. pp

## II. Gloria

**Vivace e giubiloso**  $\text{♩} = 88$ ,  $\text{♩} = 132$ , ( $\text{♪} = \text{♩}$  sempre)

**SOPRANO**

**ALTO**

**TENOR**

**BASS**

**ORGAN** Gt. *f*

**Pedals**

5

glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

11

glo - ri - a! glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,  
glo - ri - a! glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,  
glo - ri - a! glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,  
glo - ri - a!

18

*f* dim. *mp* dim.  
glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis.  
*f* dim. *mp* dim.  
glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis.  
dim. *mp* dim.  
glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis.  
dim. *mp* dim.  
glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis.

Sw. Sw.

**Tranquillo**  $\text{♩} = 66$  ( $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$  of preceding)

24      **p**

**Tranquillo**  $\text{♩} = 66$  ( $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$  of preceding)

8' only

28      **mp**

( 8' only )

## Vivace, come prima

33

*mf*

be-ne - di-ci-mus te,

*f*

8 Lau - da - mus te,

*mf*

Gt.

+ 16'

a - do - ra - mus - te,

*mp*

a - do - ra - mus - te,

*mp*

a - do - ra - mus - te,

*Sw.*

*mf*

Gt.

a - do - ra - mus - te,

41

*mf cresc.*

*f*

*cresc.*

*Sw.*

*Tranquillo*  $\text{♩} = 66$

*mp*

*pro - pter ma - gnam glo - ri - am tu - am.*

*mp*

*pro - pter ma - gnam glo - ri - am tu - am.*

*mp*

*pro - pter ma - gnam glo - ri - am tu - am.*

*Tranquillo*  $\text{♩} = 66$

*dim.*

*Gt.*

*mp legato*

49

*mp legato*

Do - mi - ne De - us, Rex cae - le - stis, De - us

*mp legato*

54

*mp legato*

Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni -

*mp legato*

Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni -

*mp legato*

Pa - ter om - ni - po - tens. Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni -

*mp legato*

Pa - ter om - ni - po - tens. Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni -

*mp legato*

Sw. *mf* 18: 8. *mp*

59

- ge - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste,  
- ge - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.  
- ge - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.  
- ge - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.

Gt. f Sw.

Sw.

64

mp

Do - mi - ne De - us, A - gnus De - i, Fi - li - us

mp

Do - mi - ne De - us, A - gnus De - i, Fi - li - us

mp

Do - mi - ne De - us, A - gnus De - i, Fi - li - us

mp

Do - mi - ne De - us, A - gnus De - i, Fi - li - us

68

Pa - tris, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,  
Pa - tris, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta  
Pa - tris, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,  
Pa - tris, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta

*mp*

Ch. or Gt.

*mp*

*mp*

72

mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re  
mun - di, mi - se - re - re

*mp*

*cresc.*

*mf cresc.*

*mf cresc.*

*mf cresc.*

(Sw.)

*mf cresc.*

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76

no - bis, mi-se - re - re, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta  
 mi-se - re - re,  
 no - bis, mi-se - re - re, mi-se - re - re,  
 mi-se - re - re, mi-se - re - re,

*f* *mp*

Ch. fl.

80

mun - di, su - sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - stram. Qui  
 Qui  
 Qui  
 Qui

*f dim.* *mf* *mp*

Sw.

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poco rall.

se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re

se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re

se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re

se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re

poco rall.

86

Vivace, come prima

no - bis.

no - bis.

no - bis.

Vivace, come prima

Tpt.

f  
Gt. or Sw.

91

Quo - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus,-

Quo - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus,-

Quo - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus,- tu so - lus Do - mi -

Gt. or Sw.

Quo - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus,- tu so - lus Do - mi -

95

tu so-lus al - tis - si - mus, al - tis - si - mus, Je - su

tu so-lus al - tis - si - mus, al - tis - si - mus, Je - su

-nus, tu so-lus al - tis - si - mus, al - tis - si - mus, Je - su

-nus,

Sw.

Sw.

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100

Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.  
Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.  
Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.

*p*

Je - su Chri - ste.

Gt. *f*

105 *f joyful*

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i

*Sw. *mf**

109

Pa - tris. A - men.

*f*

Cum San - cto

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, cum San - cto

*f*

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu,

113

Spi - ri - tu,

Spi - ri - tu,

*f*

cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i

117

Music for voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and organ. The score consists of five staves. The top three staves are for voices, and the bottom two are for organ. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature varies between common time (4/4), 6/8, and 3/4.

The vocal parts sing:

- Soprano: glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.
- Alto: glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris,
- Tenor: glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.
- Bass: glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.

The organ part includes sustained notes and pedal points.

122

Music for voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and organ. The score consists of five staves. The top three staves are for voices, and the bottom two are for organ. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature varies between common time (4/4), 5/8, and 3/4.

The vocal parts sing:

- Soprano: A - men.
- Alto: A - men.
- Tenor: A - men.
- Bass: A - men.

The organ part includes sustained notes, pedal points, and dynamic markings (f, Gt. f, Tpt.).

127 *f*

A - - - men, a - - -

*Sw.*

131 *ff*

- men.

*ff*

- men.

*ff*

- men.

*Gt. ^:*

135

A - - - men, — a - - - men.

A - - - men, — a - - - men.

Sw. Gt.

141

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a,

Sw.

Sw.

147

a - men, a - men.  
a - men, a - men.  
a - men, a - men.  
a - men, a - men.

Gt. Tpt.

Gt. Tpt.

senza rit.

Gt. cresc.  
+ Sw.

ff

### III. Sanctus

**Andante misterioso** ♩ = 69

The musical score consists of four staves for vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and two staves for the organ (Manual I and Manual II/Pedals). The vocal parts remain silent until the organ begins. The organ part starts with a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The vocal parts enter with the text "San - ctus," followed by a fermata. The organ part continues with sustained notes and dynamic markings: *pp* quasi lontano e legato sempre, \*II, poco cresc. The bass pedals staff remains silent throughout.

The score continues with the organ playing a sustained note. The vocal parts enter with the text "San - ctus\_ Do - mi-nus De - us\_\_". The organ part follows with a rhythmic pattern. The vocal parts sing "San - ctus\_ Do - mi-nus De - us\_\_" again. The organ part concludes with a sustained note. The bass pedals staff remains silent.

\*Choice of manuals at organist's discretion.

9

S. ——————

A. *p*  
Sa - ba - oth, ——————

T. ——————  
8

B. ——————

13 *mp*  
San - ctus, ——————

cresc.  
San - ctus\_ Do - mi - nus

*mf*  
De - us\_

17

**pochiss. rit.**

a tempo  
*p semplice*

Sa - ba - oth, San - ctus, San - ctus,  
*p semplice*  
 San - ctus, San - ctus,  
*p semplice*  
 San - ctus, San - ctus,  
*p semplice*

**pochiss. rit.**

a tempo  
dim.  
*p*

San - ctus, San - ctus,

21

*mf*

San - ctus. Ple - ni sunt  
 San - ctus. Ple - ni sunt  
 San - ctus. Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra  
 San - ctus.

*mf*

cresc.

*mf*

26

cae - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a  
glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a tu - a.

31

*f*

tu - a. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis,  
Ho -  
Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis,  
Ho -

*mf*

*f*

*mf*

The musical score consists of four staves. The top two staves are for voices (Soprano and Alto/Tenor) and the bottom two are for basso continuo. Measure 26 starts with Soprano and Alto/Tenor entries, followed by a basso continuo response. Measure 31 begins with a forte dynamic (f) from the basso continuo, followed by entries from the voices and basso continuo, each marked with a dynamic (mf). The vocal parts sing in homophony, while the basso continuo provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

35

- san - na in cel sis,

in ex -

- san - na in cel sis,

in ex -

mp

39

*p*      *dim.*      **rall. al fine**      *ppp*

- cel - sis, ex - cel - sis.

*p*      *dim.*      *ppp*

in ex - cel - sis.

*p*      *dim.*      *ppp*

- cel - sis, ex - cel - sis.

*p*      *dim.*      *ppp*

in ex - cel - sis.

**ATTACCA**  
*Benedictus*

**rall. al fine**

*pp*

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## IV. Benedictus

**SOPRANO** **Un poco lento e semplice**  $\text{♩} = c.60$

**ALTO**

**TENOR**

**BASS**

**ORGAN** **Sw. *p* legato**

**Pedals** ***pp***

6  
 ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni,  
 in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni,  
 in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, be - ne - di - ctus qui\_ ve - nit in  
*Hum.*

**cresc.** ***mp***

**cresc.** ***mp***

11

be - ne - di - ctus qui  
no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni,  
be - ne - di - ctus qui  
no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni,  
qui

15  
ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, be - ne - di - ctus qui  
ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, be - ne - di - ctus qui  
ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, be - ne - di - ctus qui  
ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, be - ne - di - ctus qui  
rall.

19            **a tempo**

Poco più mosso ♩ = 69

8            **a tempo**

Poco più mosso ♩ = 69

22            *dolce e tranquillo*

**p** *dolce e tranquillo*

**p** *dolce e tranquillo*

**p** *dolce e tranquillo*

27

- san - na,  
- san - na,  
- san - na,  
- san - na,  
- san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na,

ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis,  
ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis,

*mp cresc.*

*mp cresc.*

*mp*

*mp*

*cresc.*

32

- san - na, ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.  
- san - na, ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.  
- san - na, ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.  
- san - na, ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

*mf*

*rall.*

*mp dim.*

*p*

*mf*

*mp dim.*

*p*

*mf*

*mp dim.*

*p*

*mf*

*mp dim.*

*p*

*rall.*

*mf*

*mp dim.*

*p*

## V. Agnus Dei

**Andante e solenne**  $\text{♩} = 72$

SOPRANO  
ALTO  
TENOR  
BASS

**p**  
A - - - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-

**Andante e solenne**  $\text{♩} = 72$   
Sw.

ORGAN  
Gt. or Ch.  
**p legato**

Pedals

**p**  
A - - - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-

5

**mp**  
- ca - - ta mun - di, A - - - gnus De - i, qui

**p**  
- ca - - - ta mun - di, A - - - gnus De - i, qui

**mp**  
- ca - - - ta mun - di, A - - - gnus De - i, qui

**mp**  
**dim.**  
A - - - gnus De - i, qui

9

tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, pec - ca - ta  
tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, pec - ca - ta  
tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, pec - ca - ta  
tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, pec - ca - ta

13

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

(Sw.)

17

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

8

21

mi - se-re - re no - bis. A - - - gnus De - i, qui  
mi - se-re - re no - bis. A - - - gnus De - i, qui  
8 mi - se-re - re no - bis. A - - - gnus De - i, qui  
A - - - gnus De - i, qui

A - - - gnus De - i, qui

mp sw. p

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**poco stringendo**

25      *cresc.*

$\cdot = 84$

**f**      **rilassando**

tol - lis      pec - ca - ta      mun - di:  
*cresc.*

tol - lis      pec - ca - ta      mun - di:  
*cresc.*

tol - lis      pec - ca - ta      mun - di:  
*cresc.*

tol - lis      pec - ca - ta      mun - di:  
*cresc.*

**poco stringendo**

$\cdot = 84$

**f**      **rilassando**

*cresc.*

29      **Tranquillo (Tempo I,  $\cdot = 72$ )**

*p*

do - na no - bis

*p*

do - na no - bis pa - cem,

*p*

do - na no - bis pa - cem,

**Tranquillo (Tempo I,  $\cdot = 72$ )**

*p*

33

S. 1      *dim. poco a poco*  
pa - cem, pa - cem, pa - cem, pa - cem,

S. 2      *dim. poco a poco*  
pa - cem, pa - cem, pa - cem, pa - cem,

A.      *p*      *dim. poco a poco*  
pa - cem, pa - cem,

T.      *p*      *dim. poco a poco*  
pa - cem, pa - cem, pa -

B. 1      *p*      *dim. poco a poco*  
do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem, pa - cem, pa - cem,

B. 2      *p*      *dim. poco a poco*  
do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem, pa - cem,

dim.

**rallentando al fine**

37

*a niente*

pa - cem.

*a niente*

pa - cem.

*a niente*

pa - cem.

*a niente*

- cem,

*a niente*

pa - cem.

*a niente*

pa - cem.

*a niente*

pa - cem.

**rallentando al fine**

*pp*

*ppp*