


# Benedictus

from the Second "Excellent" Service of 5 parts for Means  
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Robert Parsons (c. 1530-1572)


[H = O]

Medius Decani



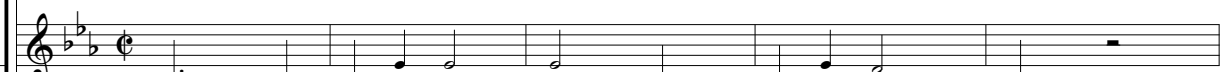
Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el; for he hath

Primus Contratenor Decani



Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;

[Secundus Contratenor Decani]



Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;

Tenor Decani




Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el, of Is - ra - el; for he

Bassus Decani



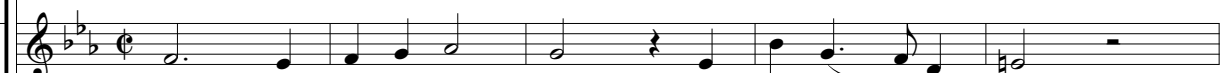
Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el; for

[Medius Cantoris]



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Primus Contratenor Cantoris



Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;

[Secundus Contratenor Cantoris]



Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;

Tenor Cantoris



Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el, of Is - ra - el; for he

Bassus Cantoris



Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el; for

Organ\*  
Tenbury 791



\*The organ part is not intended to provide a viable accompaniment. Instead it preserves the largely unedited text of the manuscript and is shown in this edition as a source for the voice part reconstructions.

2. Benedictus

6

M D  
vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed, and re - deem - ed his peo -

1 CT D  
for he hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his peo - ple;

[2 CT D]  
for he hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his peo - ple;

T D  
hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed, and re - deem - ed his peo -

B D  
he hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his peo - ple;

[M C]  
vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed, and re - deem - ed his peo -

1 CTC  
for he hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his peo -

[2 CTC]  
for he hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his peo -

T C  
hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed, and re - deem - ed his peo -

B C  
he hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his peo -

Org.

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for the second part of the Benedictus. It features ten staves of music. The top staff is for the Soprano (M D) and the bottom staff is for the Organ (Org.). Between them are five pairs of staves for different vocal parts: 1st Contralto (1 CT D), 2nd Contralto (2 CT D), Tenor (T D), Bass (B D), 1st Contralto (1 CTC), 2nd Contralto (2 CTC), Tenor (T C), and Bass (B C). The music is in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: 'vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed, and re - deem - ed his peo -' for the Soprano, Tenor, and 1st Contralto parts; 'for he hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed his peo - ple;' for the 2nd Contralto, Bass, 1st Contralto, and 2nd Contralto parts; and 'hath vis - it - ed and re - deem - ed, and re - deem - ed his peo -' for the Tenor and Tenor parts. The organ part provides a harmonic accompaniment. A box with the number '6' is located at the top left of the first staff.

3. Benedictus

10

MD  
- ple;

1 CT D  
And hath rais - ed up a might - y sal - va - ti - on for us.\_\_\_\_\_

[2 CT D]  
And hath rais - ed up a might -

T D  
- ple; And hath rais - ed up a might - y sal - va - ti - on for

B D  
And hath rais - ed up a might - y sal - va - ti - on for us,\_\_\_\_\_

[M C]  
- ple;

1 CT C  
- ple;

[2 CT C]  
- ple;

T C  
- ple;

B C  
- ple;

Org.  
*Versus\**

\*It is left to the conductor whether to observe these *Versus* and *Chorus* indications from the organ score.

4. Benedictus

15

MD

1 CT D  
in the house of his ser - vant Da -

[2 CT D]  
- y sal - va - ti - on in the house of his ser - vant Da - vid, his ser - vant Da -

T D  
us in the house of his ser - vant Da - vid, in the house of his ser - vant Da -

B D  
in the house of his ser - vant Da -

M C

1 CT C

[2 CT C]

T C

B C

Org.



6. Benedictus

25

M D  
hath been since the world be - gan;

1 CT D  
— which hath been since the world be - gan;

[2 CT D]  
-phets, which hath been since the world be - gan;

T D  
which hath been since the world be - gan;

B D  
— which hath been since the world be - gan;

[M C]  
hath been since the world be - gan; That we

1 CT C  
— which hath been since the world be - gan; That we should be sav - ed from our

[2 CT C]  
-phets, which hath been since the world be - gan; That we should be

T C  
which hath been since the world be - gan; That we should be sav - ed from

B C  
— which hath been since the world be - gan;

Org.

7. Benedictus

30

M D

1 CT D

[2 CT D]

T D

B D

[M C]

1 CTC

[2 CTC]

T C

B C

Org.

should be sav - ed from our en - e - mies, from our en - e - mies, and  
en - mies, that we should be sav - ed from our en - e - mies, from our  
sav - ed from our en - e - mies, from our en - e - mies, from our  
our en - e - mies, from our en - e - mies,  
That we should be sav - ed from our en - e - mies,

8. Benedictus

35

M D

1 CT D

[2 CT D]

T D

B D

[M C]

1 CTC

[2 CTC]

T C

B C

Org.

from the hands of \_\_\_ all that hate \_\_\_ us, and from the hands of  
en - e - mies, and from the hands of all that hate \_\_\_ us, and from the  
en - e - mies, and from the hands of \_\_\_ all that hate \_\_\_  
and from the hands of all that hate \_\_\_ us, that \_\_\_ hate us,  
and from the hands of all that hate us, \_\_\_ that

9. Benedictus

40

M D  
To per-form the mer - cy

1 CT D  
To per-form the mer - cy

[2 CT D]  
To per-form the mer - cy

T D  
To per - form the mer -

B D  
To per - form the mer -

[M C]  
all that hate us.

1 CTC  
hands of all that hate us. To per - form the mer -

[2 CTC]  
us, all that hate us. To per - form the mer -

T C  
that hate us. To per - form the mer -

B C  
hate us. To per - form the mer -

Org.

10. Benedictus

45

M D  
prom - is - ed to our fa - thers, and to re - mem - ber his ho -

1 CT D  
prom - is - ed to our fa - thers, and to re - mem - ber his

[2 CT D]  
prom - is - ed to our fa - thers, and to re -

T D  
- cy prom - is - ed to our fa - thers,

B D  
- cy prom - is - ed to our fa - thers,

[M C]  
-

1 CTC  
- cy prom - is - ed to our fa - thers,

[2 CTC]  
- cy prom - is - ed to our fa - thers,

T C  
- cy prom - is - ed to our fa - thers,

B C  
- cy prom - is - ed to our fa - thers,

Org.  
-

11. Benedictus

50

M D  
- ly cove - nant, his ho - ly cove - nant, and to re - mem - ber his ho -

1 CT D  
ho - ly cove - nant, his ho - ly

[2 CT D]  
- mem - ber his ho - ly cove - nant, and to re - mem - ber his ho - ly

T D  
and to re - mem - ber his ho - ly cove - nant, his ho - ly

B D  
and to re - mem - ber his ho - ly cove -

[M C]  
and to re - mem - ber his ho -

1 CTC  
and to re - mem - ber his ho - ly cove - nant, his ho - ly

[2 CTC]  
and to re - mem - ber his ho - ly cove - nant, and to re - mem - ber his ho - ly

T C  
and to re - mem - ber his ho - ly cove - nant, his ho - ly

B C  
and to re - mem - ber his ho - ly cove -

Org.

12. Benedictus

55

M D  
- ly cove-nant; To per - form the oath which he sware to our

1 CT D  
cove - nant; To per - form the oath which he sware\_ to\_

[2 CT D]  
cove - nant; To per - form the oath which he sware

T D  
cove - nant; To per - form the oath which he sware to\_ our fa-ther

B D  
- - nant; To per - form the oath which he sware to\_ our fa-ther

[M C]  
- ly cove-nant; To per - form the oath which he sware to our

1 CT C  
cove - nant; To per - form the oath which he sware\_ to\_

[2 CT C]  
cove - nant; To per - form the oath which he sware

T C  
cove - nant; To per - form the oath which he sware to\_ our fa-ther

B C  
- - nant; To per - form the oath which he sware to\_ our fa-ther

Org.

13. Benedictus

60

M D  
fa-ther Ab - ra - ham\_ that he would\_ give\_ us,

1 CT D  
\_ our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham that he would give us,

[2 CT D]  
to our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham that he would give us, that

T D  
Ab - ram, Ab - ra - ham that he would give

B D  
Ab - ram, our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham

[M C]  
fa-ther Ab - ra - ham\_ that he would\_ give\_ us,

1 CTC  
\_ our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham that he would give us, that he would give

[2 CTC]  
to our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham that he would\_ give\_

T C  
Ab - ram, Ab - ra - ham that he would give

B C  
Ab - ram, our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham

Org.

14. Benedictus

65

M D

1 CT D

[2 CT D]

T D

B D

[M C]

1 CT C

[2 CT C]

T C

B C

Org.

that he would give us, would give us. That we

would give us, that he would give us.

he would give us, would give us.

us, that he would give us.

that he would give us, would give us.

that he would give us, would give us.

us, would give us, that he would give us.

us, would give us, would give us.

us, that he would give us.

that he would give us, would give us.

*Versus*

15. Benedictus

69

MD  
be - ing de - liv - er - ed, that we be - ing de - liv - er - ed, de - liv - er - ed out

1 CT D  
That we be - ing de - liv - er -

[2 CT D]  
That we be - ing de - liv - er - ed, de - liv - er - ed out of the

T D  
That we be - ing de - liv - er - ed, de - liv - er -

B D

[M] C  
That we be - ing de - liv - er - ed, de - liv - er - ed

1 CTC

[2 CTC]

TC

BC

Org.

16. Benedictus

74

MD  
of the hands of our en - e - mies might serve him with - out fear,

1 CT D  
- ed out of the hands of our en - e - mies might serve him

[2 CT D]  
hands of our en - e - mies might serve him with - out fear,

T D  
- ed out of the hands of our en - e - mies might

B D

[M] C  
out of the hands of our en - e - mies might serve him with - out

1 CT C

2 CT C

T C

B C

Org.



18. Benedictus

84

MD  
him, all the days of our life, all the days of our

1 CT D  
all the days of our life, all the days of our life, all the days of our

[2 CT D]  
— him, all the days of our life, all the days of our life.

T D  
him, all the days of our life, all the days of our life, all the days of our

B D

[M] C  
- fore him, all the days of our life, all the days of our

1 CT C

[2 CT C]

T C

B C

Org.

19. Benedictus

89

life. And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of the High'st, of

life. And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of the High'st:

— And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of the

life. And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of

And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of the

life. And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of the High'st, of

And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of the High'st:

And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of the

And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of

And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of

And thou, child, shalt be call - ed the pro - phet of the

Org. *Chorus*





22. Benedictus

102

MD  
Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare his \_\_\_\_\_ ways;

1 CT D  
face of the Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare his ways;

2 CT D  
the Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare his ways;

T D  
Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare \_\_\_\_\_ his ways;

B D  
the Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare his ways;

M C  
Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare his \_\_\_\_\_ ways;

1 CT C  
face of the Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare his ways;

2 CT C  
the Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare his ways;

T C  
Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare \_\_\_\_\_ his ways;

B C  
the Lord to pre - pare his ways, to pre - pare his ways;

Org.

23. Benedictus

106

M D

1 CT D

[2 CT D]

T D

B D

[M C]

1 CT C

[2 CT C]

T C

B C

Org.

*Versus*

To\_\_\_ give know-ledge of sal - va - ti - on un - to his

To\_\_\_ give know-ledge

To give know-ledge of sal - va - ti - on un - to his peo - ple, un - to his

To\_\_\_ give know-ledge of sal - va - ti - on un - to\_\_\_ his\_\_\_ peo - ple,

To\_\_\_ give know-ledge of sal - va - ti -



25. Benedictus

116

M D

1 CT D

2 CT D

T D

B D

[M C]

1 CT C

2 CT C

T C

B C

Org.

Through the ten -

Through the ten - der

Through the ten - der

Through the ten - der

- on, for the re - mis - si - on of their sins,

re - mis - si - on, for the re - mis - si - on of their sins,

re - mis - si - on, for the re - mis - si - on of their sins,

- mis - si - on, for the re - mis - si - on of their sins,

for the re - mis - si - on of their sins,

Versus

26. Benedictus

121

M D  
- der mer - cy of our God; \_\_\_\_\_ where-by the

1 CT D  
mer - cy of our God; where-by the day-spring from on high hath vis - it-ed us, where-

[2 CT D]  
mer - cy of our God; where - by the day-spring from on high hath vis-it-ed

T D  
mer - cy of our God; where - by the day-spring from on high hath vis-it-ed us,

B D

M C

1 CTC

[2 CTC]

T C

B C

Org.

27. Benedictus

126

M D  
 day-spring from on high hath vis - it - ed us;

1 CT D  
 - by the day-spring from on high hath vis - it - ed us; To give light to

[2 CT D]  
 us, where - by the day - spring from on high hath vis - it - ed us; To give light to

T D  
 where - by the day - spring from on high hath vis - it - ed us; To give light to

B D  
 To give light to

[M C]  
 To give light to

1 CT C  
 To give light to

[2 CT C]  
 To give light to

T C  
 To give light to

B C  
 To give light to

Org.  
 To give light to



29. Benedictus

135

M D

1 CT D

2 CT D

T D

B D

[M C]

1 CT C

2 CT C

T C

B C

Org.

in the shad - ow of death,

ow - of death,

shad - ow of death,

shad - ow of death,

and to guide our feet, our feet in -

in the shad - ow of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of

ow - of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace, the

shad - ow of death, and to guide our feet, our feet in - to the

shad - ow of death,

30. Benedictus

140

M D

1 CT D

[2 CT D]

T D

B D

[M C]

1 CTC

[2 CTC]

T C

B C

Org.

- to the way of peace, in - to the way of peace, the way of peace.

peace, in - to the way of \_\_\_\_\_ peace, the way of peace.

way of peace, in - to the way of peace, the way of \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

way of peace, in - to the way of \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

Glo -

31. Benedictus

144

M D  
- ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

1 CT D  
- ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

[2 CT D]  
- ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

T D  
- ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

B D  
- ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

[M C]  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

1 CTC  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and

[2 CTC]  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and

T C  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and

B C  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and

Org.

32. Benedictus

149

M D  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

1 CT D  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

2 CT D  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

T D  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

B D  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

M C  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

1 CT C  
to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

2 CT C  
to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

T C  
to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

B C  
to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, and

Org.

33. Benedictus

153

MD  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin -

1 CT D  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, in

[2 CT D]  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin -

T D  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in

B D  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin -

[M C]  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin -

1 CTC  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, in

[2 CTC]  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin -

T C  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in

B C  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin -

Org.  
to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin -

34. Benedictus

157

MD  
-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be world with - out

1 CT D  
the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be world with - out

[2 CT D]  
- ning, is now, is now, and ev - er shall

T D  
the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be world

B D  
-ning, in the be - gin - ning, is now,

[M C]  
-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be world with - out

1 CTC  
the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be world with - out

[2 CTC]  
- ning, is now, is now, and ev - er shall

T C  
the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be world

B C  
-ning, in the be - gin - ning, is now,

Org.



36. Benedictus

165

MD  
end, and ev - er shall be world with - out end.

1 CT D  
end, and ev - er shall be world with - out end, world with - out end.

[2 CT D]  
ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall be world with - out end.

T D  
and ev - er shall be world with - out end, world with - out end. A -

B D  
with - out end, and ev - er shall be world with - out end, world with - out end.

[M C]  
end, and ev - er shall be world with - out end.

1 CTC  
end, and ev - er shall be world with - out end, world with - out end.

[2 CTC]  
ev - er shall be, and ev - er shall be world with - out end.

T C  
and ev - er shall be world with - out end, world with - out end. A -

B C  
with - out end, and ev - er shall be world with - out end, world with - out end.

Org.

37. Benedictus

169

Musical score for Benedictus, measures 169-172. The score includes parts for MD, 1 CT D, 2 CT D, T D, B D, [M C], 1 CTC, 2 CTC, T C, B C, and Org. The lyrics are "A - - - men." The score is in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are "A - - - men." The score is for a choir and organ. The organ part is in the bottom staff, and the choir parts are in the upper staves. The lyrics are "A - - - men." The score is for a Benedictus, measures 169-172. The score includes parts for MD, 1 CT D, 2 CT D, T D, B D, [M C], 1 CTC, 2 CTC, T C, B C, and Org. The lyrics are "A - - - men." The score is in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are "A - - - men." The score is for a choir and organ. The organ part is in the bottom staff, and the choir parts are in the upper staves. The lyrics are "A - - - men." The score is for a Benedictus, measures 169-172. The score includes parts for MD, 1 CT D, 2 CT D, T D, B D, [M C], 1 CTC, 2 CTC, T C, B C, and Org. The lyrics are "A - - - men." The score is in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are "A - - - men." The score is for a choir and organ. The organ part is in the bottom staff, and the choir parts are in the upper staves. The lyrics are "A - - - men."