

Domine, quis habitabit

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The musical score consists of five staves. From top to bottom: Soprano 1 (G clef), Soprano 2 (G clef), Alto 1 (B clef), Alto 2 (B clef), and Bass (F clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (indicated by a '4'). The vocal parts are mostly silent or have short notes. The lyrics 'Do - mi - ne, quis ha - bi - ta -' are written below the Alto 2 staff. The Tenor part is labeled '[Missing]'.

The continuation of the musical score starts at measure 4. The vocal parts are now active, singing the lyrics 'Do - mi - ne, quis ha - bi - ta - bit in ta - ber - bit in ta - ber-na-cu-lo tu - - - - - ta - bit in ta - ber-na-cu-lo tu - - - - -'. The Bass staff is silent throughout this section.

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The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves are soprano, alto, tenor, and bass, all in common time and treble clef. The bass staff is in bass clef. The music is in B-flat major. The lyrics are as follows:

in ta - ber - na - cu-lo tu - - - o?
Do - mi - ne, quis ha - bi -
ta - bit in ta - ber - na - cu - lo tu - - - o?
ber-na-cu-lo tu - - - o, in ta - ber-na - cu-lo tu -
ne, quis ha - bi - ta - bit in ta - ber - na-cu-lo tu -

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aut
aut quis re - qui -
ta - bit in ta - ber-na - cu - lo tu - o?
aut quis re -
o?

The score consists of five staves. The top three staves are soprano, alto, and tenor voices in treble clef, G major, and common time. The bottom two staves are basso continuo in bass clef, C major, and common time. The vocal parts sing a question-and-answer dialogue. The basso continuo part features sustained notes and some eighth-note patterns.

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quis re - qui - e - scet in mon - te san - cto tu -
- e - scet in mon - te san - cto tu - o, in mon -
aut
- qui - e - scet in mon - te san - cto tu -
aut quis re - qui - e - scet in mon - te
aut quis re - qui - e - scet

This section continues the musical dialogue. The voices sing in pairs, alternating between questions and answers. The basso continuo provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

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o, in mon - te san - cto tu - - - o?
 - te san - cto tu - - - o?
 quis re - qui - e - scet in mon - te san - cto tu - o?
 - o, in mon - te san - cto tu - - - o?
 san - cto tu - - - o, in mon - te san - cto tu - o?
 in mon - te san - cto tu - - - o?

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Qui in - gre - di - tur si - ne ma - cu - la, ma - cu -
 Qui in - gre - di - tur si - ne ma - cu - la, si - ne ma -
 Qui in - gre - di - tur si - ne
 Qui in - gre - di - tur si - ne ma - cu - la, qui in - gre -
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la, qui in - gre - di-tur si - ne ma - cu - la,
 - cu - - - - - la, qui in - gre - di-tur si - ne
 ma - cu - - - - la, qui in - gre - di - tur si - ne
 - di - tur si - ne ma - cu - la, et
 Qui in - gre - di-tur si - ne
 Qui in - gre - di-tur si - ne
 Qui in - gre - di-tur si - ne
 Qui in - gre - di-tur si - ne

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et o - pe - ra - tur ju - sti - ti - am, ju - sti - ti -
 ma - cu - - - - - la,
 ma - cu - la, et o - pe - ra - tur ju - sti -
 o - pe - ra - tur ju - sti - ti - am,
 ma - cu - la, et o - pe - ra - tur ju - sti - ti - am, ju - sti -
 - - - - la, et o - pe - ra - tur ju -

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am; qui lo - qui -
et o - pe - ra - tur ju - sti - ti - am;
- ti - am, ju - sti - ti - am; qui lo - qui -
et o - pe - ra - tur ju - sti - ti - am; qui
- ti - am, ju - sti - ti - am;
- sti - ti - am, ju - sti - ti - am;

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- tur, qui lo - qui - tur, qui lo - qui-tur ve - ri - ta - tem in cor - de
qui lo - qui - tur, qui lo - qui-tur ve - ri - ta - tem in cor-de su -
- tur, [qui lo - qui - tur]
lo - qui-tur, qui lo - qui-tur ve - ri - ta - tem in cor - de
qui lo - qui - tur, _____
qui lo - qui-tur,

48

Musical score for page 48. The score consists of four staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The lyrics are in Latin and are repeated across the staves.

su - - - o;
 - - - o;
 qui lo - qui-tur ve - ri - ta - tem in cor - de
 su - - - o;
 qui lo - qui-tur ve - ri - ta - tem in cor-de su - - -
 qui lo - qui-tur ve - ri - ta - tem in cor - de su - -

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Musical score for page 52. The score consists of five staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The lyrics are in Latin and are repeated across the staves.

qui non e - git do - lum in lin - gua
 qui non e - git do - lum in lin - gua su - -
 — su - - - o;
 qui non e - git do - lum in lin - gua
 - - - - - o;

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su - a,
qui non e - git do - lum in lin - gua
a,
qui non e - git do - lum in lin - gua su -
su - a,
qui non e - git do - lum in lin - gua su - a,
qui non e - git do - lum in lin - gua su - a,
qui non e - git do - lum in lin - gua su - a,

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su - - - a, in lin - gua su - a,
nec fe - cit pro - xi-mo su - o ma -
- - a, _____ nec fe -
lin - gua su - a, nec fe - cit pro - xi-mo su - o ma -
nec fe - cit pro - xi-mo
a,

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fe - cit pro - xi-mo su - o ma - lum, ma -
 - lum, et _____ op - pro - bri -
 - cit pro - xi-mo su - o ma - lum, et _____
 - - - - lum, et op - pro - bri-um non ____
 su - o ma - - - - - - - - - lum, ma -
 nec fe - cit pro - xi-mo su - o [ma -

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- lum, et op - pro - bri-um non ac - ce - - pit ad -
 - um non ac - ce - - - pit, et _____ op - pro - bri -
 - - op - pro - bri - um non ac - ce - - - pit
 - ac - ce - - pit, et op - pro - bri - um non ac -
 - - - lum, et _____ op - pro - bri - um non ac -
 - - - lum,] et op - pro - bri-um non ac - ce -

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- ver - sus pro - xi - mos su - - os, ad - ver - sus
- um non ac-ce - pit ad - ver - sus pro - xi - mos su -
ad - ver - sus pro - xi-mos su - - -
- ce - pit ad - ver - sus pro - xi - mos su - os, ad -
- ce - - pit ad - ver - sus pro - xi-mos su -
- pit ad - ver - sus pro - xi -

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pro - xi-mos su - os, ad - ver - sus pro - xi -
- os, ad - ver - sus pro - xi-mos su - - -
- os, ad - ver - sus pro - xi - mos su - - -
- ver - sus pro - xi - mos su - - os, ad - ver - sus pro - xi -
- os, ad - ver - sus pro - xi - mos su - - -
- mos su - - - os, ad -

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- mos su - os, pro - xi-mos su - os,
 - os, pro - xi-mos su - os, pro - xi-mos
 - os, pro - xi-mos su -
 - mos su - os, pro - xi-mos su -
 - ver - sus pro - xi - mos su - os, pro -

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pro - xi-mos su - os.
 su - os, pro - xi-mos su - os.
 - os, pro - xi-mos su - os.
 - os, pro - xi-mos su - [os, su] - os.
 - os, pro - xi-mos su - os.
 - xi-mos su - os, pro - xi-mos su - os.

Translation

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle, or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
Even he, that leadeth an uncorrupt life and doeth the thing which is right and speaketh the truth from his heart.
He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, and hath not slandered his neighbour.
(*Ps. 15, vv.1–3*)

Editorial Conventions

The original clef, mensuration symbol and first note of each part are shown on the prefatory staves at the beginning.
There is no staff signature in the sources.

Editorial accidentals are placed above the notes concerned and remain operative throughout the bar.

The sign  denotes a ligature.

Repeat signs in the underlay have been tacitly expanded.

Underlay between square brackets indicates an editorial change to the underlay given or implied in the sources.

The missing tenor part has been reconstructed by the editor.

Sources

A Oxford, Christ Church MSS Mus 979-83 (*c.1575–1581*, with later additions; lacking tenor).

979	(S2)	No.127	at end: m ^r : parsons: of the chappell-
980	(A1)	No.127	at end: m ^r : parsons
981	(A2)	No.127	at end: m ^r : parsons
982	(S1)	No.127	at end: m ^r : parsons-
983	(B)	No.127	in index: m ^r : Ro: parsons: at end: m ^r : parsons: of: the: chapell-

B Manuscript in the private possession of Mr David McGhie and Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Tenbury 389 (2 partbooks from an otherwise lost set of five or six, *c.1575–1612*).

McGhie	(S1)	p.156	in index: m ^r parsons at end: m ^r parsons- 6· voc:-
389	(S2)	p.166	at end: m ^r parsons- 6· voc:-

Notes on the Readings of the Sources

In the list of readings below, each reference to a bar or group of bars is separated by an oblique stroke, references to different voices in the same bar by a semicolon and multiple references to the same voice by a comma. The order within each entry is: 1) bar number(s); 2) voice; 3) source; 4) reading of the source. The last is expressed at the pitch and in the note values of the edition, with pitches given in capital letters, preceded by a number where necessary, e.g. ¹B = 1st note B in the bar.

Abbreviations:	A1, A2	Alto 1, Alto 2	dot-	dotted	S1, S2	Soprano 1, Soprano 2
	B	Bass	m	minim	sb	semibreve
	cr	crotchet	q	quaver	+	tie

Accidentals

59 A2 A \natural for E / 87 S2 B \natural for A /

Underlay

6 A2 A -o tu- below ¹B²B (cf. B at bar 16) / 9 S1 B -o tu- below CF / 22 S1 A *sancto tu-* below ¹B²BA, B underlay of *sancto tu-* ambiguous / 22 S1 B -cto tu- ambiguously positioned / 24 S2 B *sancto tu-* below DCB (A has ambiguously positioned underlay repeat sign for *sancto tu-*), (25) -o below A, (26) tu- below D / 27 S2 B -o below G / 32 A1 A -la below A (not in 33) / 34 B A -la below D (not in 37) / 37 S2 B C is *dot-cr q* with underlay repeat sign below *dot-cr* / 38 S1 A -am ambiguously positioned below BAG, (39) *justiti-* below CFD / 38 S1 B -am below C (and in 40), (39) *justiti-* omitted / 40 B A -am below B / 42 B A -am below E / 44–45 A1 A *justitiam* for *qui loquitur* / 46 S2 B qB qB crA *dot-cr*G for BAGG, *veritatem* below BBAG / 64 A2 A -lum below ¹F (not in 65) / 66 A1 A *malum* undivided, underlay of -lum ambiguous / 68 A2 A *acepit* undivided below CDEF; B A -o below C (not in 67) / 69–70 A1 A *acepit* undivided below GADEF, underlay ambiguous / 70 S1 A -pit below G / 73 S1 B -os below ¹B / 74 A1 A -os below F / 82 S2 B -os below C / 82–83 B A -os su- below ¹BF /

Other Readings

1 S2 B mensuration symbol omitted / 4 S2 B ¹F is *cr*, ²F is *cr* corrected to *m* (wrong stem cancelled?) / 11–12 S2 B sbD+sbD for sbD sb-rest / 31 S1 AB C is D / 31–32 S2 B *crB* for *crB+crB* / 51 A1 A extra *crB* between C and *crB+qB* with -de below ¹B *su-* below ²B, (53) F is *cr* / 60 S1 B C is *m* only, (61) ¹C omitted, *mE* was originally *crE crD* but stems to both notes cancelled to restore correct timing / 69 S2 B ligature for BF / 74 S2 B E is F / 76 S2 B G is B /