

Ave Maria

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius
[Soprano]

Medius
[Alto]

Contratenor
[Tenor]

Tenor
[Tenor]

Bassus
[Bass]

Gra - ti - a ple - na, gra - ti - a

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A - ve Ma - ri - a gra - ti - a ple - na, gra - ti - a

A - ve Ma - ri - a gra - ti - a ple - na,

A - ve Ma - ri - a gra - ti - a

ple - na, Do - mi - nus te - - - cum,

ple - na, Do - mi - nus te - - - cum, Be -

ple - na, Do - mi - nus te - - - cum, Be - ne - di -

Do - mi - nus te - - - cum, Be - ne - di -

ple - na, Do - mi - nus te - - - cum,

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Be - ne - di - cta tu in mu - li - e - ri - bus, in mu -

- ne - di - cta tu in mu - li - e - ri - bus, in

- cta tu in mu - li - e - ri - bus, et be - ne - di - ctus

- cta tu in mu - li - e - ri - bus, in mu - li - e - ri - bus,

Be - ne - di - cta tu in mu - li - e - ri - bus, et be - ne -

- li - e - ri - bus, et be - ne - di - ctus fru - ctus, ven - tris
mu - li - e - - ri - - bus, et be - ne - di - ctus
fru - - ctus ven - tris tu - i,
et be - ne - di - - ctus fru - ctus, ven -
-di - ctus fru - ctus ven - tris tu -

tu - i, ven - tris tu - - - i.
fru - ctus, ven - tris tu - i, ven - tris tu - i.
ven - tris tu - i, ven - tris tu - - - i.
- tris tu - i, ven - tris tu - i, ven - tris tu - - - i.
- i, ven - tris tu - i, ven - tris tu - i.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - - ia. Al -
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -
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Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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-le - lu - - - ia. Al - le - lu - - - - ia.

-lu - ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

- ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

Al - le - lu - - - ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

Al - le - lu - - - ia. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, alleluia.

Source: William Byrd: *Gradualia, ac cantiones sacræ... Liber primus* (2nd edition, 1610), vol.1 no.14.

Liturgical function: Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin from Pentecost to Advent:

Introit: Salve sancta parens
 Gradual: Benedicta et venerabilis
 Alleluia: Post partum virgo
Offertory: **Ave Maria**
 Communion: Beata viscera

During Advent:

Introit: Rorate cæli
 Gradual: Tollite portas
Alleluia: **Ave Maria**
Offertory: **Ave Maria** (without alleluia)
 Communion: Beata viscera

Mass, The Annunciation:

Introit: Vultum tuum
 Gradual/Tract: Diffusa est gratia
 Alleluia: Alleluia - Ave Maria - Virga Jesse (in Paschal Time)
Offertory: **Ave Maria** (alleluia in Paschal Time)
 Communion: Ecce virgo concipiet

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