

Stetit angelus

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Moderato maestoso

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Keyboard reduction (rehearsal only)

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Performed regularly at Farm Street, this extraordinary motet is also suitable to accompany the incensing of the altar. In the revised Roman Calendar, September 29 is now the feast of the three archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

The text is:

Stetit angelus juxta aram templi
habens thuribulum aureum in manu sua
et data sunt ei incensa multa:
et ascendit fumus aromatum in conspectu Dei,
alleluia.

An angel stood by the altar of the temple
holding a golden thurible in his hand
and to him was given much incense:
and the aromatic smoke went up in the sight of God,
alleluia.

a - ram tem - pli ha - bens thu - ri - bu-lum, _____ thu - ri - bu-lum
cresc.
 a - ram tem - pli ha - bens thu - ri - bu-lum, _____ thu - ri - bu-lum
cresc.
 a - ram tem - pli ha - bens thu - ri - bu-lum, _____ thu - ri - bu-lum
cresc.
 a - ram tem - pli ha - bens thu - ri - bu-lum, _____ thu - ri - bu-lum
cresc.
 a - ram tem - pli ha - bens thu - ri - bu-lum, _____ thu - ri - bu-lum
cresc.
 a - re - um in ma - nu, in ma - nu su - a
f
 a - re - um in ma - nu, in ma - nu su - a
f
 a - re - um in ma - nu, in ma - nu su - a
f
 au - re - um in ma - nu su - a
f
 au - re - um in ma - nu su - a



et da - ta sunt e - i in - cen - sa mul - ta:

et da - ta, da - ta sunt e - i in - cen - sa mul - ta:

et da - ta sunt e - i in - cen - sa mul - ta:

et da - ta sunt e - i in - cen - sa mul - ta:

et da - ta sunt e - i in - cen - sa:

* The 2nd tenor part in this bar was added at a later date

p sempre cresc.

et a - scen - dit fu - mus a - ro - ma - tum in con - spe - ctu De - i,

p sempre cresc.

a - scen - dit fu - mus in con - spe - ctu De - i,

mf cresc.

a - scen - dit in con - spe - ctu De - i,

p sempre cresc.

et a - scen - dit in con - spe - ctu De - i,

p sempre cresc.

A musical score for four voices (SATB) in common time, featuring a key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal parts are:

- Soprano: Starts with a dotted half note, followed by eighth-note pairs (A, B), then a dotted half note, and finally a ritardando (rit.) over three measures.
- Alto: Starts with a dotted half note, followed by eighth-note pairs (A, B), then a dotted half note, and finally a ritardando (rit.) over three measures.
- Tenor: Starts with a dotted half note, followed by eighth-note pairs (A, B), then a dotted half note, and finally a ritardando (rit.) over three measures.
- Bass: Starts with a dotted half note, followed by eighth-note pairs (A, B), then a dotted half note, and finally a ritardando (rit.) over three measures.

The lyrics "al - le - lu - ia," are repeated three times for each voice part, with a final exclamation mark at the end of the third repetition. The score includes a large, semi-transparent "SAMPLE" watermark running diagonally across the page.