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ABSTRACT

The music of John Alcock (1715-1806) is not familiar to most musicians. However, he did produce some attractive works and is a significant figure in English church music of the eighteenth century. His writings about his life in both parish church and cathedral music are also invaluable to research of the period. The two orchestral anthems, here appearing in critical editions, display some of the flair and attention to detail characteristic of Alcock as a composer of vocal music. The commentary examines the background to the compositions, describing the sources used, the editorial practice adopted and the place of the anthems within the music of eighteenth-century England.

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INTRODUCTION

The music of John Alcock (1715-1806) is not widely known today, though the name is likely to be familiar to a church musician. The current repertoire of the Anglican Church contains a small number of chants, some choral music (e.g., the anthem *Wherewithal shall a young man*), and some organ pieces by the composer. His *Six Suite's of Easy Lessons for Harpsichord or Spinnet*, first published in 1741, and still available today¹, is a useful introduction to the Baroque keyboard dance suite. It is not only his highly competent and attractive music that makes him worthy of attention, but also his literary output, his concerns with the condition of the performing material for older English church music, and his fascinating working relationships within cathedral music. These facets of the man and his musical personality can all contribute significantly to our understanding of the state of English church music in the eighteenth century.

Alcock lived and worked in musically challenging times. The operatic and celebratory genius of Handel was dominating the national scene and the great tradition of music in the Anglican Church was showing signs of neglect. Funds intended for music departments had long since been diverted elsewhere and choirs ran on the bare minimum needed to exist. Musicians, often appointed for life, lived on low salaries and were forced to seek further employment outside the ecclesiastical foundation. The resulting low morale, coupled with ageing adult singers and even frequent alcoholism, often led to poor attendance and this in turn meant antiphonal singing and four-part harmony were often not possible during services. The organ, not always in a good

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¹ Richard Jones (ed.) Six Suites of Easy Lessons (London: Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, 1985)

condition through lack of repair, was frequently used throughout a service to cover up gaps in the harmony caused by absences from the choir. Possible opportunities to escape the difficulties of everyday life were provided by special occasions and festivals, which must have been a welcome break and provided a morale boost for musicians in the churches and cathedrals of England. These events, such as the Three Choirs Festival, which was established by 1715², attracted large audiences (something few church musicians were used to). Sermons were preached in support of church music, and orchestral anthems, often newly composed, were performed (Alcock's We will rejoice is an example of one of these). St Cecilia's Day celebrations also attracted the interest of many composers of the period including Jeremiah Clarke, Boyce, Greene and Handel. As well as at these festivals, orchestras were put together for important occasions such as coronations, weddings and music society meetings, and in a similar way, composers contributed large-scale anthems with orchestral accompaniment. Handel led the way with his so-called 'Chandos' anthems (his patron James Brydges, Earl of Carnarvon, later Duke of Chandos was the only person to maintain a regular orchestra), coronation anthems and 'Dettingen' Te Deum and 'Utrecht' Te Deum and Jubilate. Handel's masterpieces dominated music in England in the first half of the eighteenth century; the programmes for the Three Choirs Festivals during this time bear witness to this.³ However, English composers of the period also contributed to the genre. Croft, Greene and Boyce, for example, composed orchestrally accompanied anthems, often as degree exercises or for royal occasions. Greene composed no less than 20 orchestral anthems, a notable example being *Hearken unto* me, ye holy children composed for King's College, Cambridge and probably

² The year the festival counts from, though the first recorded meeting was in 1719, a notice for which was posted in the *Worcester Postman* (Watkins Shaw: *The Three Choirs Festival* (Worcester: Ebenezer Baylis, 1954) p. 1)

³ A compilation of programmes 1752-1799 for Gloucester, Hereford, Oxford and Worcester Journals is Appendix B in Watkins Shaw: *The Three Choirs Festival* (Worcester: Ebenezer Baylis, 1954)

performed at the visit of George II to Cambridge in 1728.⁴ Croft contributed four anthems to the genre and Boyce added another eight, three of which were composed for the coronation of George III in 1761.

Back in the regular day-to-day services of cathedrals and churches of England, the anthem remained the most important musical item at morning and evening prayer, and usually consisted of a setting of biblical words, most often a psalm, in multiple movements. Anthems that made prominent use of one or more soloists, sometimes with a concluding chorus, were most common and were accompanied by the organ. By the time Alcock had gained his first post as organist at Plymouth, he had started to focus his efforts within the these 'solo' and 'verse' anthems, with only a few 'full' anthems mostly composed for special occasions, and he developed away from the more youthful and inexperienced anthems of earlier years.⁵

Shortly after his move to Lichfield Cathedral in 1750, Alcock composed one of his most effective anthems. *The ways of Zion do mourn* was composed "on Occasion of the Death of his late Royal Highness, *Frederick*, Prince of *Wales*" who died that year. Although technically a verse anthem, the vocal movements are dominated by the alto soloist. It was performed at the funeral of Gilbert Walmisley (the Bishop's registrar, who died in 1751) in an earlier and shorter version than the anthem in this edition. No doubt Michael Wise's and Handel's versions gave inspiration for the choice of text (Alcock himself confesses his difficulty in choosing words and not being "acquainted"

⁴ A discussion of the performing circumstances, along with the music, can be found in H. Diack Johnstone (trans. and ed.): Maurice Greene, *Ode on St Cecilia's Day; Anthem: Hearken unto me, ye holy children* (London: Published for the Musica Britannica Trust by Stainer and Bell, 1991).

⁵ Alcock's anthems are discussed in detail in Peter Marr: *The Life and Works of John Alcock (1715-1806)* Vol. 1 (diss. University of Reading, 1978), pp. 102-121.

⁶ Preface to Six and Twenty Select Anthems (1771), p. i.

with any Person, capable of assisting [him] therein', but this anthem owes nothing more to those precedents. The polyphonic movements show a very capable ability to interweave vocal lines, and Alcock's realisation of the vocal texts is subtle but effective, for example the sighing minims in the overture, as well as in the first alto solo. His attention to detail is also evident in the use of specific articulation, and the fugal entries a fifth apart, starting at bar 38 in the 'Hallelujah', show a willingness to go against the conventional. The orchestrated, revised and enlarged version in this edition was completed by 1766. By adding the two-movement overture, an introductory section for the opening alto recitative, a new duet and the closing 'Hallelujah' chorus, Alcock had created one of his finest contributions to the music of the era. Another version for voices and organ was published in 1771 in a collection of Alcock's anthems, *Six and Twenty Select Anthems*. This abridged version opens with the first alto solo 'The ways of Zion do mourn' and shortens the introduction to the duet 'They shall receive a glorious kingdom' (movement 7 in this edition).

In addition to the orchestral version of *The ways of Zion do mourn*, Alcock wrote five further orchestral anthems, though two are based on material from the others. The earliest orchestral anthem was *Laudate Dominum*, composed in 1754 to the text of psalm 150. This was adapted by 1771, the date of the autograph manuscript, into the anthem *We will rejoice in Thy salvation*. Very few changes were necessary as miscellaneous psalm texts were cleverly chosen to fit the text of psalm 150 that they were replacing, and the scoring was altered only by the addition of trumpets. The anthem was performed at the Three Choirs meeting in Worcester on 9th September 1773. The programme for the performance is attached to the inside of the cover of the

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⁷ *Ibid.*. p. iii.

manuscript score now in Lichfield Cathedral Library and described in the Sources section of this edition. The anthem was performed as part of a morning programme, alongside an anthem by John Stafford Smith (son of Martin Smith, then organist at Gloucester Cathedral, and, like Alcock, a glee and catch composer), one of Handel's coronation anthems, and his 'Dettingen' Te Deum and 'Utrecht' Jubilate. Its large textures and rich harmonies, especially in the very impressive Gloria, complement the demanding vocal writing in the solo sections, and Alcock's imaginative instrumentation shows some flair in an era when music in the church was less concerned with originality than later times. This anthem, like Alcock's other orchestral anthems, bears little relation in stature to the anthems performed in everyday cathedral and parish church services. Not only are subtleties of expression replaced with large contrasts, but the formal chorus conclusions of the many anthems he composed are the climactic point of the orchestral anthem.

Alcock was born in London in 1715 close to St Paul's Cathedral, the place where he would start his musical career. He sang as a chorister there under Charles King and alongside William Boyce, with whom he had a close friendship. He evidently showed promise as, at the age of 12, he sang at the coronation of George II in place of one of the King's chapel boys who had been taken ill. Alcock would later compose *The ways of Zion do mourn*, the orchestral version of which appears in this edition, marking the death of George II's son, Frederick Prince of Wales. In 1729 he became apprenticed to

⁸ The programme appears in the appendix of Watkins Shaw: *The Three Choirs Festival* (Worcester: Ebenezer Baylis, 1954)

⁹ Watkins Shaw and Peter Marr: 'Alcock, John (i)' in *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, 2nd edition (London: Macmillan, 2001)

the blind John Stanley, only three years Alcock's senior. Alcock's instrumental music in particular is modelled on that of Stanley.¹⁰

Alcock's path to cathedral organist took him through two parish church positions in Plymouth and Reading, and he became vicar-choral, organist and master of the choristers at Lichfield Cathedral in 1750. It was shortly after his arrival at Lichfield that Alcock, noticing that it was difficult to find performance material that did not "abound with Faults and Imperfections", issued a proposal to publish a service each quarter, starting with Tallis's Dorian Service, Byrd's Short Service and Gibbons's Service in F, engraved in score. This proposal pre-empted a similar one by Maurice Greene, and, learning that Greene intended to issue copies to cathedral choirs free of charge, Alcock graciously handed over his materials to Greene. The work of Greene would later be passed on to his pupil William Boyce and become Boyce's *Cathedral Music*, the first collection of services and anthems printed in score in England.

It appears that Alcock had particular standards and ideas for the music at Lichfield, and it is evident that these were not well received by many at the cathedral. The attendance and behaviour of the lay vicars and choristers were the start of problems that led to a poor relationship between the organist and the gentlemen of the choir. In 1758, the vicars-choral handed a petition to the Dean and Chapter complaining about the organist's "scandalous and indecent" behaviour during services including, among many things, the inappropriate tempo of organ accompaniments and mocking of

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 $^{^{10}}$ Ibid

¹¹ From the proposal for the new volumes: see Alcock's *Divine Harmony* (1755) and John Bumpus: *A History of English Cathedral Music*, *1549-1889* (Farnborough: Gregg, 1972), pp. 257-9.

vicars' voices. ¹² An account of Alcock's side of the relationship is given in the introduction to his Service in E minor (1753) in which he describes the poor attendance and the criticism he was receiving about his organ accompaniments. Further details can be found in Alcock's semi-autobiographical novel *The Life of Miss Fanny Brown* published in 1760 under the pseudonym 'John Piper'. Upon visiting an unnamed city, the author notes "the Organist of that Cathedral, and the Singers were at Enmity" ¹³ and explains at more length:

A lay vicar was "railing bitterly against him [the organist], saying what a sad fellow he was; that he mock'd and mimick'd, with his voice, several of the Vicars, and expos'd and burlesqued their manner of singing; and sometimes played the Chants, Services, and Anthems so fast, that the Choir could not articulate the Words." ¹⁴

It is unlikely to be a coincidence that many of the things in this section of *Fanny Brown* almost paraphrase the petition sent to Chapter in 1758. Alcock is also quick to defend the organist: when a vicar describes his playing as "like clockwork, or a Musical Machine" the author retorts that "had he [the vicar] not been one of the most egregious Asses breathing, he wou'd have known that what he was condemning, is the greatest Excellency in a Performer, that could possibly be." Alcock's frustrations are clear.

In any case, at some point during the early 1760s - the exact date is not known - Alcock resigned his position as organist at Lichfield having already taken the post of organist at Sutton Coldfield Parish Church in 1761, a position he retained until 1786. Between 1766 and 1790 he also held the post of organist at Tamworth, but he kept his

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¹² The full text can be found in Peter Marr: *The Life and Works of John Alcock (1715-1806)*, Vol. 1 (diss. University of Reading, 1978), p. 33.

¹³ John Piper [John Alcock]: *The Life of Miss Fanny Brown* (Birmingham, 1760), p. 243.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 244.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 245.

post as vicar-choral at Lichfield and his house in the cathedral close for the rest of his life.

In 1771 Alcock published a collection of his anthems entitled *Six and Twenty Select*Anthems in Score, in which can be found an abridged version of the Funeral Anthem
contained in this edition. This volume, as well as being useful for its musical content,
contains a preface that draws a useful portrait of life in cathedral music at the time.

Alcock again remarks on the attendance of vicars at cathedral services, mentioning his
own excellent attendance over 22 years, being absent only when receiving his degrees
at Oxford or when ill. Alcock goes on to describe, at length, other problems and issues
he had encountered, including defending himself against attacks on his competence,
complaints at the expense of his volumes, the fact that Boyce's Cathedral Music
prevented many from subscribing to his volume (and that he had proposed his own
scheme "long before Dr. Greene had any intention of collecting the Old Services, and
Anthems"), and the problems he had with the engraver of the volume. Alcock was
evidently a frustrated, but highly-gifted musician with exacting standards, who perhaps
felt isolated in the West Midlands and struggled to find his place among his
contemporaries.

Despite all this, it seems that Alcock was held in some regard in the church music world during his lifetime. In particular, his Morning and Evening Service in E minor (composed at the age of fifteen, ¹⁶ published in 1753) was performed widely. Alcock was also invited by William Hayes to play the organ for "several of Mr. Handel's

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¹⁶ Eugenius: 'Biographical Sketch of Dr. Alcock', in *Monthly Mirror*, iv (1797), p. 138.

oratorios"¹⁷ at the opening ceremony of the Radcliffe Camera in Oxford, and at the presentation of the Arundelian Marbles to the university. He was also private organist to Arthur Chichester, Earl of Donegal, for whom he wrote a wedding anthem (the manuscript score of which appears in the same volume as the funeral anthem edited here).

Alcock's music compares well with that of other composers of the period, such as Greene and Croft, whose music has stood the test of time more successfully. Indeed, he sees this himself, as at the very opening of the preface to *Six and Twenty Select Anthems* (1771) he states:

"There being a Passage, or two, in the following Anthems, similar to those of some other Composers, especially in that for *Christmas-Day*, which is not much unlike that of the late famous Dr. *Greene's*, tho' composed six Years before his was published; and my Twelfth Anthem, which begins, partly, as the late eminent Dr. *Croft's*, *I will sing unto the Lord*, notwithstanding I did not see his two Volumes of Anthems, for many years after I had made that, I thought it advisable to put the Dates of the Years, when they were composed, at the End of each Anthem, as I ever had an utter Aversion to copy from other Masters, tho'... so much the Fashion at present."

Alcock thus defends himself in advance of any accusation of plagiarism, and perhaps reveals some insecurities and a feeling of inferiority in his need to do so. Of course, like all composers of the period, he would have found it difficult to avoid the influence of Handel. Indeed, Alcock sang at the coronation of George II for which Handel's Coronation Anthems (1727) were composed. Composing music at the same time as Greene and Boyce, and at a time when originality was not nearly as much a concern for composers as it would become, Alcock perhaps lacked some of the intricacies that his contemporaries possessed. However, he displays great attention to detail in his music and produced some sensitive responses to text in his anthems. Alcock, with his

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¹⁷ Ibid.

exacting principles and high expectations, did have some musical reputation in the eighteenth century, though this faded after his death. His frustrations, both with his situation at Lichfield and with his position in larger musical society, are evident in his writings. He was clearly a very capable composer whose music, together with his contributions to knowledge of conditions in the eighteenth-century church and his work as an antiquarian, deserve to be properly recognised.

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SOURCES

Funeral Anthem: The ways of Zion do mourn

Source 1: Full Score

Oxford, Bodleian Library: MS Mus Sch c.108a

The full score of the Funeral Anthem exists in manuscript at the Bodleian Library. It

was acquired by the library in 1885¹⁸ and appears alongside a Wedding Anthem

composed for the wedding in 1761 of the Earl of Donegal, to whom Alcock was

private organist. The score is dated 1766, but it does not mention the occasion for

which this version of the funeral anthem was composed (the earlier version is

discussed in the Introduction, pp. 3-4). Source 3, described below, states that the

original version was composed on the occasion of the death of Frederick Prince of

Wales (father of George III) who died in 1751.

The anthems are bound together in strong board covered with blue, wavy lined paper

with leather corners and spine. A piece of paper is pasted to the front and reads: "The

Score of / Alcock's Funeral, / and Wedding / Anthems. / 1766." The spine is labelled

with the library shelf mark. Inside the front cover is written "John Alcock / 1766" in

what appears to be the composer's hand. The *Summary Catalogue* of Bodleian

manuscripts¹⁹ states of the score and parts: "All appear to be the author's autograph";

however, the manuscripts are in a variety of hands, none of which is the composer's or

can be identified. The volume is in portrait format and measures roughly 30.7 x

24.4cm. There are 110 pages of music, the first 50 of which form the Funeral Anthem.

Each page has twelve staves, though not all are used on every page.

¹⁸ Falconer Madan: A Summary Catalogue of Western Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library at Oxford (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1905), p. 243.

Source 2: Parts

Oxford, Bodleian Library: MS Mus Sch c.108b-c

The instrumental and vocal parts of the funeral anthem are found together with the score in the Bodleian Library and are bound with those of the Wedding Anthem. The parts for both anthems are divided into two volumes. Both volumes are bound in strong card covered in dark, olive green cloth. They are labelled on the spine, in gold lettering: "JOHN ALCOCK. FUNERAL AND WEDDING ANTHEMS", with the shelf mark at the foot of the spine.

c.108b contains the organ and chorus parts of the Funeral Anthem and the Horn parts for the Wedding Anthem. It is in landscape format and measures approximately 25.5 x 31cm. It contains 52 pages with three flysheets at the front and three at the back. The "Basso Organo" part has an individual cover within the volume with the same blue, wavy line pattern as the full score. It has a label pasted to the front: "Alcock's Funeral / and / Wedding Anthems. / Basso Organo". The chorus parts are single sheets with music on the front and reverse.

c.108c contains the instrumental parts and the "Contratenor" and "Tenor" solo parts of the Funeral Anthem (contained within the 1st Contratenor and 1st Tenor parts of the Wedding Anthem), as well as the vocal parts and remaining instrumental parts for the Wedding Anthem. It is in portrait format, measures roughly 35.7 x 24.7cm and contains 168 pages (including individual part covers) with two flyleaves at the front and back. Most parts have individual covers within the volume, made from thin greyblue paper, with information written on the front: anthem title / part name / John Alcock. The first three parts in the volume are single sheets with no covers. They

contain a treble and two trumpet parts for the Wedding Anthem, and, on the reverse of the third sheet, a trumpet part for the Funeral Anthem movement 5 which does not appear in the manuscript full score.

The scribe of the manuscript full score (**I** in list below) is also responsible for copying most of the parts of the Funeral Anthem, including the Organo part. The remaining parts are in three further hands. Although no indication is given as to who copied the score and parts, one of the hands could be that of the composer's son, also John Alcock (1740-1791), who was organist and master of the song school at Newark-on-Trent at the time but deputised for his father at Lichfield Cathedral. Father and son also went to Oxford together in 1766 (the date on the manuscript score) to take the DMus and BMus degrees respectively.

A note at the end of the Basso Organo part appears to list the parts of the anthems: "26 Books. viz. / 2 Hoboys / 6 Violins / 2 Tenors / 2 Bassoons / 2 Violoncellos / 1 Basso Ripieno / 1 Organo / — / 10 Vocal Parts. viz. / 4 Trebles / 2 Contratenors / 2 Tenors / 2 Basses / — / 10 Papers. viz. / 4 Trebles / 2 Contratenors / 2 Tenors / 2 Basses".

Assuming the word "Papers" refers to the single sheet chorus parts for the Funeral Anthem (c.108b), and therefore that the "Vocal Parts" are those of the Wedding Anthem (which include the two solo parts for the Funeral Anthem, c.108c), this list matches the extant parts contained in these two volumes (listed below). The exceptions to this are the two horn parts at the rear of 108b and the three single sheet parts in the front of 108c. These appear to be later additions to the collection of parts, an idea supported by the absence of the trumpet part in movement 5 from the funeral anthem full score.

Extant parts for *The ways of Zion do mourn* (with abbreviations used in Critical Notes) with indication copyist: **I** (also the manuscript full score), **II**, **III** and **IV**:

<u>c.108b</u>		
org	I	Basso Organo
SATB	I/II	Chorus parts -4 x Treble (2 each of 1st & 2nd, 1 of each by \mathbf{H}).
		2 x Contratenor, Tenor and Bass (1st & 2nd)
<u>c.108c</u>		
tpt	I	Tromba (5 only)
ct	I	Contratenor [solo] (with 1st Contratenor part of the Wedding
		Anthem)
t	III	Tenor [solo] (with 1st Tenor Wedding Anthem part)
ob1	I	Hoboy Primo
ob2	I	Hoboy Secondo
vln1p	I	Violino Principale
vln3	I	Violino Terza (with Violino Primo Ripieno part of the Wedding
		Anthem)
vln1ri	I	Violino Primo Ripieno
vln2p	I	Violino Secondo Principale
vln2r	IV	Violino Secondo Ripieno
vln1rii	II	Violino Primo Ripieno (with Violino Secondo Ripieno part of the
		Wedding Anthem)
vla1	I	Alto Tenore Primo
vla2	I	Alto Secondo
vcp	IV	Violoncello Principale
vcr	IV	Violoncello Ripieno
bsn2	I	Bassoon Secondo
bsn1	I	Bassoon Primo
br	I	Basso Ripieno

Source 3: Vocal Score

Alcock, John: Six and Twenty Select Anthems in Score (1771)

A version of the funeral anthem appears in Alcock's printed collection of anthems published in 1771. This version is for voices and organ and includes the duet and 'Hallelujah' movements of the 1766 revision, but begins with the alto recitative 'The ways of Zion do mourn', omitting the overture and introduction. Copies of Six and Twenty Select Anthems were distributed by subscription and the preface is particularly useful for research into Alcock's working life at Lichfield Cathedral (more details can be found in the Introduction to this edition, p. 9). A number of copies are extant, a concentration of which are in Oxford, in Christ Church, Magdalen and New College libraries.²⁰ The copy consulted for this edition is in the British Library, London at shelfmark I.189. A manuscript note in this copy states that it was originally owned by John Stanley, Alcock's teacher in London, and goes on to describe the election of Mr. Highmore Skeats to the post of organist at St George's Chapel, Windsor. The version not only omits the opening movements as mentioned above, but also shortens the Moderato 'They shall receive' by removing the instrumental introduction. Other notable differences include the minor alterations to ornamentation and the adjustments to figures in the bass line to accommodate the missing harmonies supplied by instruments in the 1766 version. Since this is a later version of the anthem and not orchestral, differences between this and other sources have not been incorporated into this edition.

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²⁰ A catalogue search reveals eight copies in Oxford in total.

Anthem: We will rejoice in Thy salvation

Source 4: Full Score

<u>Lichfield Cathedral Library: MS Mus 5.</u>

The autograph manuscript of this orchestral anthem is found in Lichfield Cathedral Library alongside a large collection of Alcock manuscripts. The anthem, in full score, is the only item in this source. The manuscript is bound in thick, strong boards covered with blue cloth with leather corners and spine. The spine reads: "Alcock Anthems 2 MS MUS 5" in gold lettering. Inside the front cover is written: "John Alcock.

Lichfield Close / July 16th 1771". This indicates the date when this copy of the score was completed, not necessarily the year in which this adaptation of the 1754 *Laudate Dominum* was made (more details of this can be found in the Introduction, p. 4-5).

Attached to the cover is an additional printed sheet that gives details of a performance of this anthem, together with one by 'Mr. Smith' (John Stafford Smith), on Thursday 9th September, 1773. This was presumably inserted at or after the time of this performance, which formed part of the Three Choirs Festival in 1773 at Worcester Cathedral.²¹

The pages are in portrait format and measure roughly 37.6 x 24.7cm. There are two flyleaves at the front and one at the back, and 114 pages of music paper numbered in the top outside corner of each page. The pages are ruled with an eight-stave rastrum, sixteen staves to a page. The ruling is consistent throughout with the exception of page 39, where staves 1-6 and 13-16 are extended free hand, and pages 76 and 77, where additional staves have been added at the top and bottom of the page. Because the additional stave at the foot of page 76 is squeezed on to the page, the music on it was

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²¹ Watkins Shaw: *The Three Choirs Festival* (Worcester: Ebenezer Baylis, 1954), p. 114. This also confirms "Mr. Smith" as John Stafford Smith.

also copied out on to a slip of paper, which has been pasted as an insert between pages 76 and 77. A similar method is used to clarify the two bassoon parts on pages 77 and 82. The two parts are written on the same stave in the score but on separate staves on the inserts to clarify the part-crossing that occurs.

Source 5: Parts

Oxford, Bodleian Library: MS Mus d.140-141

These two volumes at the Bodleian Library contain vocal parts (d.140) and band parts (d.141) of *We will rejoice in Thy salvation*. They were presented to the library in 1862 by Rev. W. D. Macray as part of a collection of fourteen manuscripts. He acquired them in 1862 at Worcester (the place of the 1773 performance according to the printed insert in the Lichfield score) where they had been discarded by the cathedral as waste paper.²²

The vocal parts are bound in thick, strong boards covered with brown, textured cloth. The spine is labelled in gold lettering: "DR. J. ALCOCK. WE WILL REJOICE. – CHORUS PARTS". The volume is in landscape format and measures approximately 26 x 31cm. There are 114 pages in total (including individual part covers) with one flysheet at the front and back of the volume. Each chorus part, except the Canto Primo Coro, is covered individually, front and back, with heavier paper on which is written a part number (these are listed below), anthem title, composer, part name and "Worcester". The numbers suggest that there were originally five copies of each chorus part, including one 'principale' (soloist), two 'coro primo' and two 'coro

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²² Falconer Madan: A Summary Catalogue of Western Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library at Oxford (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1905), p. 513.

secondo', of which only ten across all voice parts are contained in the volume. The parts are all copied in the same hand on ten or eight staves per page.

The band parts are bound in the same way and using the same material as the chorus parts, though in portrait format measuring approximately 31.5 x 25.5cm, and labelled "DR. J. ALCOCK. WE WILL REJOICE. – BAND PARTS" on the spine. There are 220 pages, including individual part covers, again with a single flysheet at the front and back of the volume and paper covers separating each part with number, title, composer, part name and "Worcester" written on the front. The music is copied in the same hand as the chorus parts on paper with twelve staves, although not every stave is used on each page. Like the chorus parts, each instrumental part is numbered and the incomplete numbering of the extant parts shows that a number of parts are lost. The numbering, which starts at 21 with 'Violino Primo Principale', suggests that there were five violin 1, four violin 2 and three viola parts. There appears to have been one of each wind part, as would be expected. The 'Violoncello e Basso Continuo' part is unfigured apart from movements 4 and 6. This suggests that there must once have been a separate figured organo part, which is now among the lost manuscripts.

Extant parts for *We will rejoice in Thy salvation* (with abbreviations used in Critical Notes) and the number assigned to the part:

d.140

- s1 Canto Primo Coro (unknown)
- s2 2 x Canto Secondo Coro (4, 5)
- ap Alto Principale (6)
- a1 2 x Alto Primo Coro (7, 8)
- a2 Alto Secondo Coro (9)
- tp Tenore Principale (11)

b1 Basso Primo Coro (17)

b2 Basso Secondo Coro (20)

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vln1 Violin Primo Principal (21)

vln2 3 x Violin Secondo Ripieno (27, 28, 29)

vla Alto Viola Ripieno (34)

vc Violoncello e Basso Continuo (37)

br 2 x Basso Ripieno (39, 40)

tpt1 Tromba Primo (41)

tpt2 Tromba Secondo e Terza (42)

ob1/fl1 Oboe Primo (30) (also contains flute 1 part for 2)

ob2/fl2 Oboe Secondo (31) (also contains flute 2 part for 2)

bsn1 Bassoon Primo (35)

bsn2 Bassoon Secondo (36)

EDITORIAL METHOD

The primary sources for this edition are the manuscript full scores, sources 1 and 4, and any deviations from theses sources are noted in the Critical Notes. All matter appearing within square brackets, in small type or, in the case of slurs and ties, crossed is editorial and does not appear in the primary sources. The extant parts for the two anthems (sources 2 and 5) have been used where the full scores are unclear or ambiguous. The parts are sufficiently similar to the full scores to have authority and in the case of *The ways of Zion* there is evidence that the parts and score both originate from the performance in Worcester in 1773; that the Bodleian Library acquired them at the same time as the full score adds to their dependability. Therefore, if matter such as notes, accidentals, dynamic markings or basso continuo figuring are present in the parts, but missing in the full score, these have been included where they are clearly intended. Matter that appears only in these secondary sources is shown as editorial, but the source is noted in the Critical Notes.

Accidentals in the sources that are redundant by modern standards (which are many, particularly in *The Ways of Zion*, where the scribe always includes accidentals regardless of their appearance earlier in the bar) have been omitted without comment, except where they have been deemed useful to retain as cautionary. Notes dissected by a bar line in the source, including dotted notes, have been replaced with tied notes. Where C clefs are used for voice parts in the sources, the standard modern clefs have been substituted. Original clefs in vocal lines appear on prefatory staves at the beginning of each movement in the edition. Original key signatures and time signatures have been retained throughout. The *Dal Segno al fine* indication (as well as

the *fine* and *segno*) in the Sinfonia of *We will rejoice* is an editorial addition and replaces the instruction "repeat the Allegro moderato" in the manuscript score.

Verbal text and underlay

Spelling, punctuation and capitalisation of the psalm texts in *We will rejoice in Thy salvation* have been adjusted in conformity with the Book of Common Prayer (1662). Capitalisation in the bible texts of *The ways of Zion do mourn* has been corrected according to the King James version of the bible, from which they appear to have been taken. Commas have been used to indicate repetition of words and phrases.

Ampersands in the sources have been replaced with 'and', and where 'ditto' marks are used in the sources, the repetition of words has been written out in full in the edition.

Underlay is consistently clear in the voice parts in each source. It is indicated through a combination of text alignment, beaming of notes, slurs, and occasionally small lines linking a word to a note. With modern typesetting, text alignment and beaming are a perfectly adequate way of showing underlay, and these have been used to indicate the distribution of syllables to notes. Slurs are retained in the voice parts in this edition only where they have an expressive role (e.g., in the Funeral Anthem, movement 2, bar 11, on the word 'sigh').

Bowing and articulation

All instrumental slurs and bowing marks in the primary sources are retained in this edition, as is instrumental and vocal articulation. Deviations from this are noted in the Critical Notes. One notable deviation is the rising dotted figure in *We will rejoice*, movement 8 (first appearing in the violin 1 part, bar 1), which is treated inconsistently in the source (both score and parts). In this case, editorial alterations have been made

to introduce consistency, and the original notation is described in the Critical Notes. Editorial articulation has been added for recurring phrases where the same articulation is likely to have been intended. The sources include some notes with two stems. When these stems indicate a division of voices or instruments, they are retained in the edition; when they indicate a note that is both the final note of one phrase and the first of the next, they are omitted but noted in the Critical Notes.

Dynamics

Dynamic markings are written in full in the score sources and often appear alongside tempo markings at the beginning of a movement. All dynamics in the sources are preserved but modernised (e.g., 'forte' becomes **f**'). Editorial dynamics (some of which are suggested by the parts, and noted in the Critical Notes) have been added where they are absent from the sources but implied by the context in which they are placed. The dynamic markings in the sources do not indicate absolute values but rather the role of the instrument within the texture, whether accompanying or providing the main interest; this is particularly evident in *We will rejoice*, movement 7. Editorial markings have been added with this in mind and to supply instruction where the notation of the source is incomplete. Dynamic markings in vocal parts are rare in the sources; they appear in this edition only where they appear in the primary sources. Vocal dynamics are implied by those of the instrumental lines and, particularly in the solo sections, are left to the singer, who should choose a dynamic level appropriate to the context.

Ornamentation

The primary sources contain a large amount of ornamentation, mostly in the form of trills. These, as well as the less frequent appoggiaturas, have been retained. Editorial trills (often taken from the parts) have been added where they have clearly been omitted from the primary source (e.g., *We will rejoice*, movement 11, where one choir echoes the other). Sometimes a wedge-shaped symbol is used to indicate articulation; the context of this symbol seems to suggest that the note should be detached to a lesser degree than the more pointed separation of notes with a staccato dot. The wavy line that appears at the word 'cry'd' in the *The ways of Zion*, movement 4, bar 42 needs some explanation. Boyden describes that a 'slurred tremolo' (reiterated notes within a single bow stroke) was in the 18th century indicated by a "typical wavy line". ²³ In contrast, Brown states that in the late eighteenth century some composers used a "wavy line" to indicate vibrato²⁴, and indeed the word 'tremolo' was often used in the eighteenth century to signify vibrato. Which effect is used is a decision for the performers, but the evidence suggests that vibrato is likely to have been Alcock's intention at this point.

<u>Instruments</u> and voices

All instrument and voice names are taken from the primary sources and in some cases have been modernised (e.g., Tromba becomes Trumpet, and Hoboy becomes Oboe). Where 'soprano' appears in the sources, it is retained in this edition. It should be taken to mean the highest voice part, not to imply the use of female voices: Alcock refers to trebles in his writings, and it is assumed that boy trebles were the intended voice. On

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²³ David Boyden: *The History of Violin Playing from its Origins to 1761* (London: Oxford University Press, 1965), p. 266-7.

²⁴ Clive Brown: 'Ornaments, §9: Late 18th century and the 19th' in *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, 2nd edition (London: Macmillan, 2001).

the whole, the manuscript scores of these anthems leave little doubt about the scoring of the music. Any points of uncertainty (e.g., the designation of solos, particularly in voice parts during choruses, or the occasional unlabelled divisi) are clarified by examination of the manuscript parts, and indications at these points are enclosed in square brackets. Where 'soli' has been used to instruct a particular instrument to play alone, though as part of a group (as in the Moderato of *The ways of Zion*, movement 1, where a string quartet is formed), it has been altered to 'solo' for each instrument without note. Confirmation that a single instrument should play is found in the manuscript parts where, for example, the 'Principale' part is the only part playing. Likewise, the instruction 'tasti soli' has been altered to 'tasto solo' (also discussed under Basso continuo below).

The vertical arrangement of the instruments in the edited scores (with trumpets at the top) is carried over from the sources. The inclusion of trumpets only in a few movements, and their role at the top of the texture in most cases, makes their placement here appropriate. Included in the collection of parts for *The ways of Zion* is a single 'Tromba' part for movement 5; it makes no appearance in the manuscript score. Since it seems likely to have been used in performance, this part is included in this edition on a small stave, for trumpet (in C). In *The ways of Zion*, movement 8, the bassoons and cello staves are placed above the voice parts in the manuscript score. As the cello doubles the bassi stave (sometimes up an octave) this has been moved to the bassi stave, and the bassoons have been moved up to join the oboes towards the top of the score. On a number of occasions in the autograph manuscript of *We will rejoice*, for example movement 9, Alcock places the bassoon staves in this position (see Basso continuo below for more on the role of the bassoons).

The duet in *We will rejoice* (movement 8) is scored for soprano and tenor in both the score and the parts. However, on the second page of the duet in the manuscript score there is an instruction in Alcock's hand: "This Duet wou'd have a better effect, if it was sung by two Trebles". As a consequence, this movement is allocated to two trebles in this edition, but an alternative scoring for this movement would be soprano and tenor (with the tenor singing an octave lower than written).

Basso continuo

In the manuscript scores, the 'bassi' part is thoroughly and carefully figured throughout; sometimes figures appear above the bass note, sometimes below. This figuring is retained in this edition. Editorial figuring is shown in square brackets, and those figures taken from parts sources (particularly the Organo part in *The ways of Zion*) are noted in the Critical Notes.

The composition of the continuo group is indicated in the score sources at the beginning of some movements and when instruments join or leave the group midmovement. Such indications have been retained, and further necessary instructions have been editorially constructed, using the parts where available. The instrumental bass is invariably labelled 'bassi', 'tutti bassi' or 'basso' throughout in the sources, normally implying one or more cellos and double basses, with organ. The use of bassoons in the orchestral bass line was usual in the chorus movements and other movements containing oboes. Bassoons should therefore form part of the continuo group where "tutti bassi" is indicated in this edition. When this instruction is added editorially, it is one so after examination of the manuscript parts. It seems that at some

points (e.g., the Trio, movement 9, in *We will rejoice*) Alcock moves away from the norm of the bassoon as a bass instrument in a doubling role, couples it with the oboes and thus experiments with the bassoon as part of a woodwind 'family'. In movement 5 of *We will rejoice*, the source indicates that a bassoon should double the soloist in some phrases, leaving just one bassoon on the bass line, but no bassoon stave is provided. In this case an extra stave for bassoon has been added in the edition.

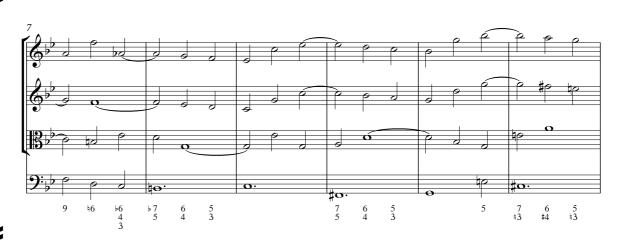
The issue surrounding the use of organ and harpsichord is a complex one. The Funeral Anthem manuscript score refers to 'cembalo' only in movements 2 and 3, but these movements appear in the Organo part book, and with no such marking. At various points throughout movement 1 (e.g., bars 89-100) the manuscript score gives the instruction 'soli' (coupled with a minim rest for the lower part on that stave). The texture here is reduced to a string quartet, and examination of the manuscript parts confirms this (violin, viola and cello principale parts play; the organ rests). However, the bass part in these sections is figured. This suggests that another keyboard instrument, in all likelihood a harpsichord, was playing at these points and possibly throughout the anthem. The use of 'tasti soli' might also suggest more than one keyboard instrument, although 'soli' indications in other parts imply that it is one instrument in a group of soloists. Counter to this argument is the fact that no harpsichord partbook is extant. Bearing in mind the completeness of the parts and the list of parts found at the back of the Organo book, the evidence suggests that no such book ever existed.

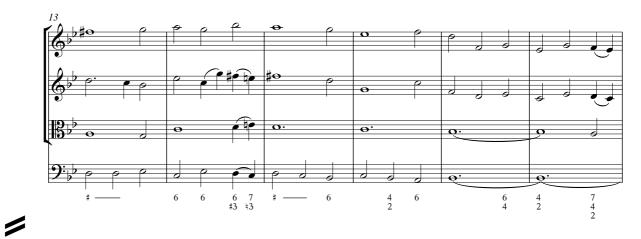
A further question is brought up in *We will rejoice*, movement 2. The opening of this movement is clearly scored in the manuscript score for 2 flutes, viola and cello (an

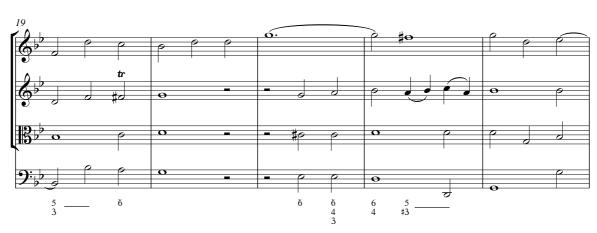
instruction repeated at bar 17, so unlikely to be a mistake), and yet the lowest part is figured throughout. No organ part survives for this anthem and the pages containing this section are missing from the 'Violoncello and Basso Continuo' part. It could be that the figures in these sections were added to the manuscript score for a variety of reasons: they merely indicate the harmony above the bass, but serve no purpose in performance; they are there for a continuo player to fill in if necessary (an explanation negated by their absence from the Organo part); they are included for the sake of a copyist writing out parts from the score; the figures were added later and continued at these points by mistake; or, in the case of *The ways of Zion*, maybe a harpsichord part did exist (perhaps within another set of parts) but is now lost and it was Alcock's intention that both an organ and a harpsichord be used.

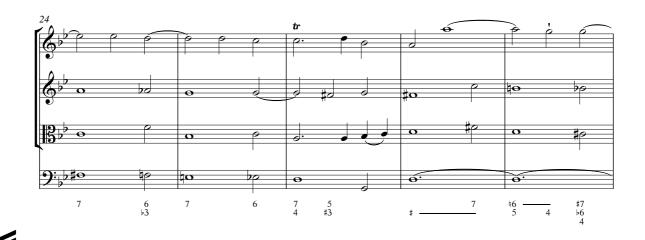
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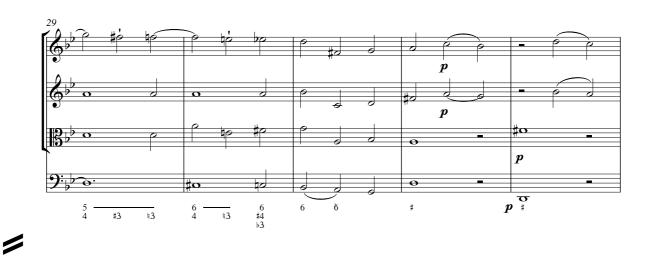


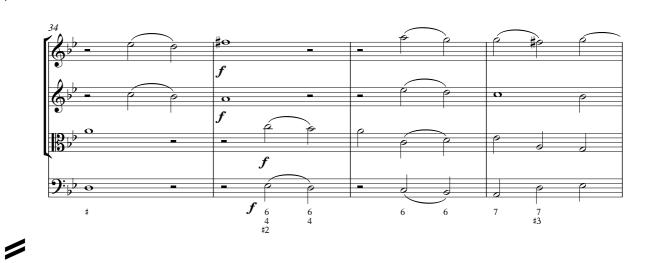


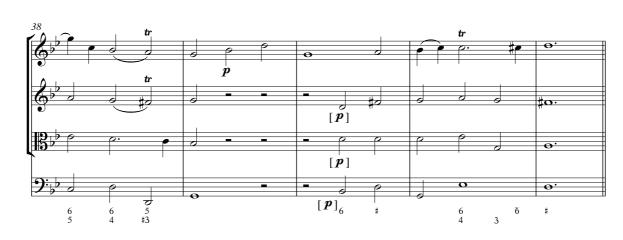










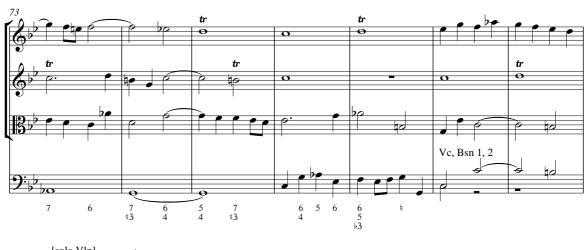


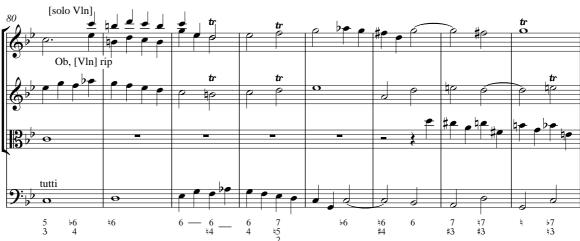


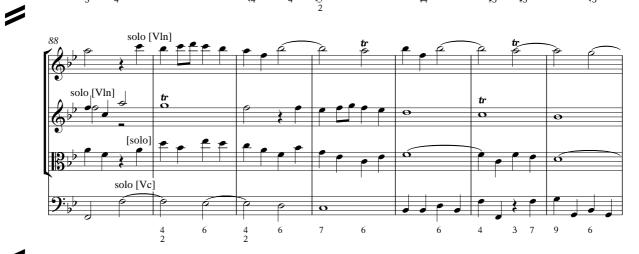








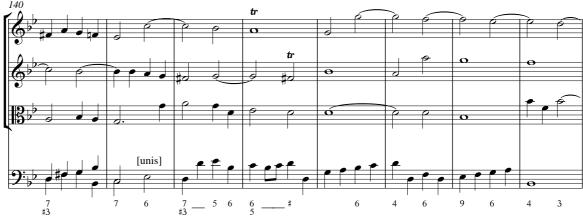


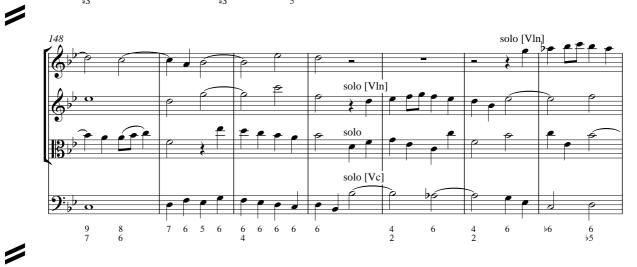


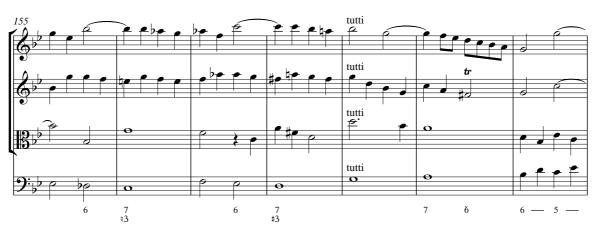






















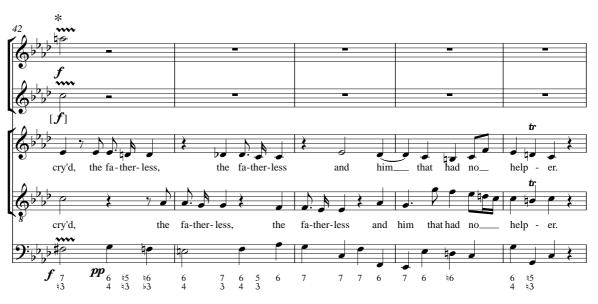




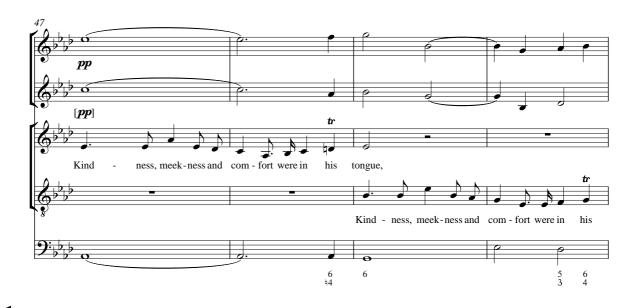


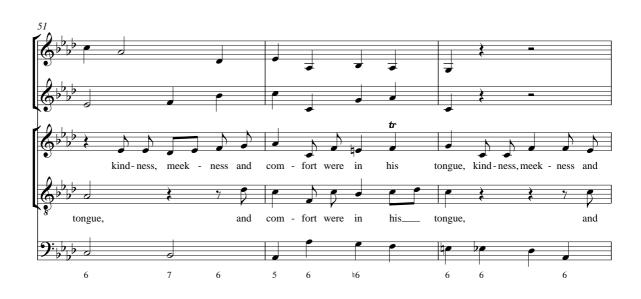






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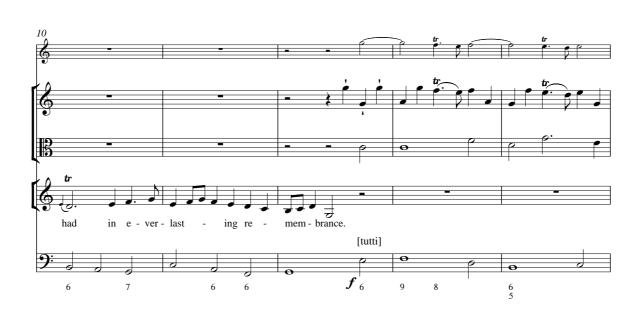


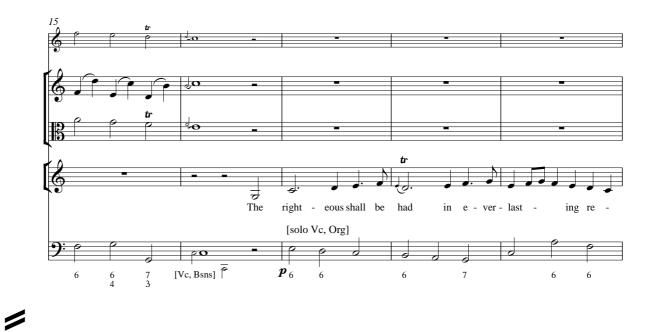


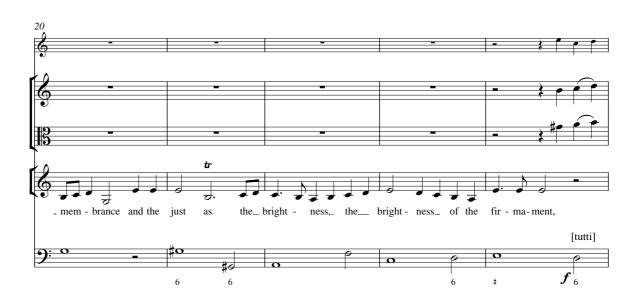






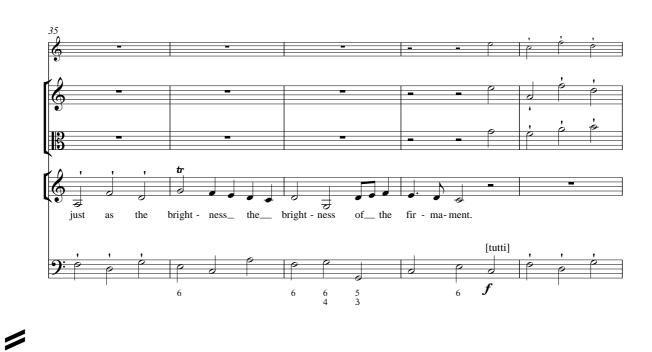


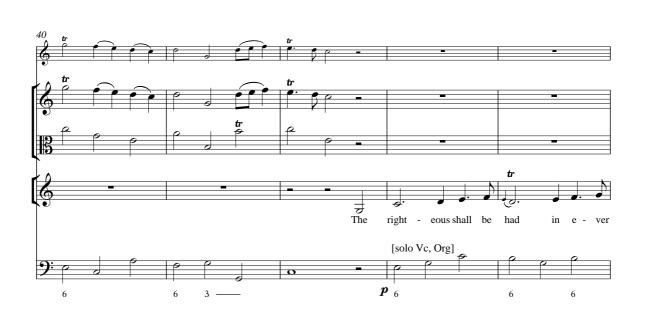




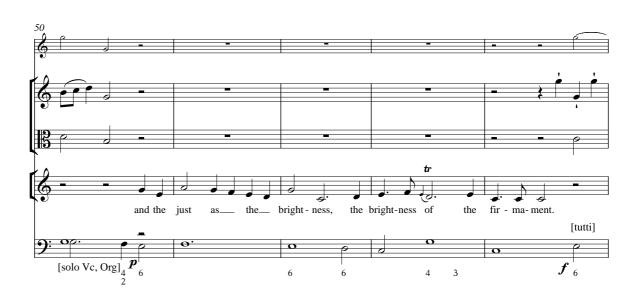










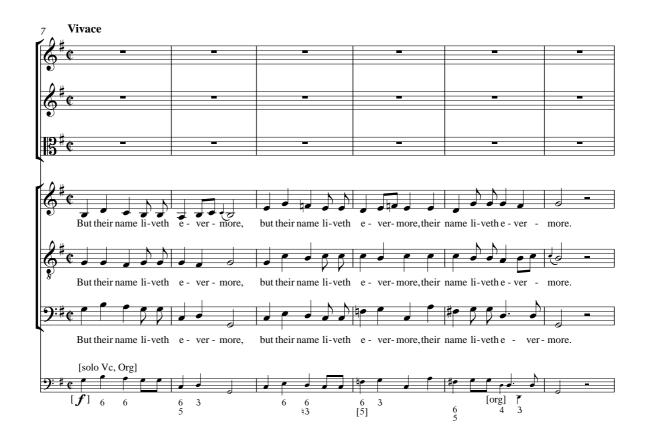












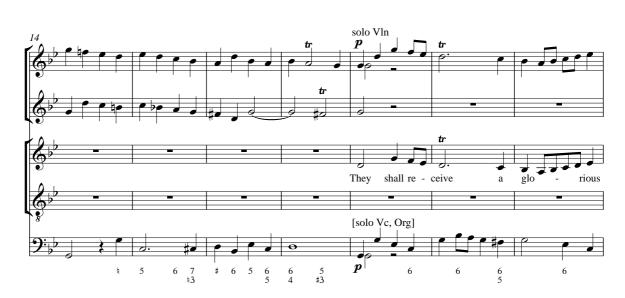










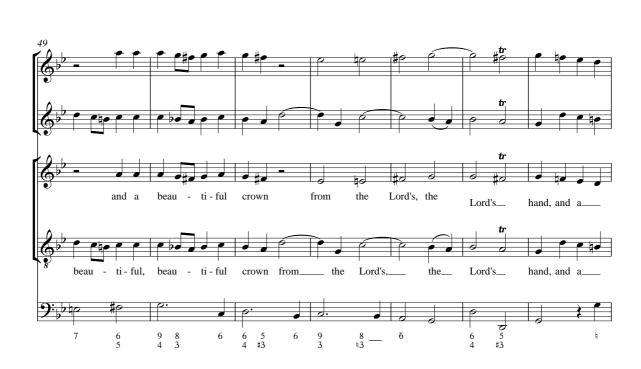


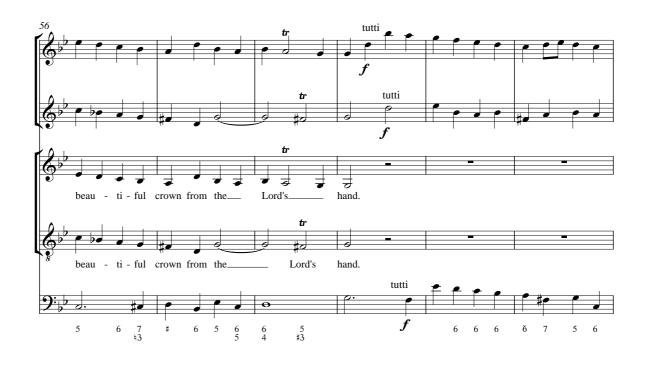


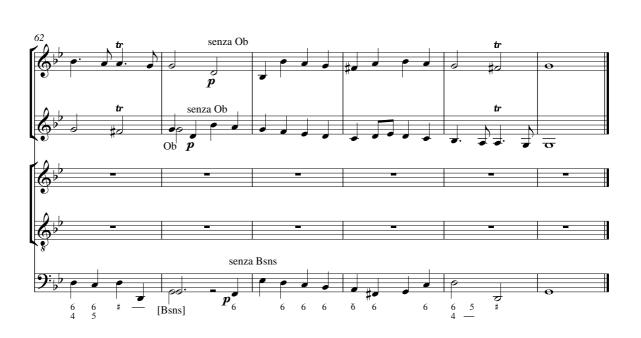












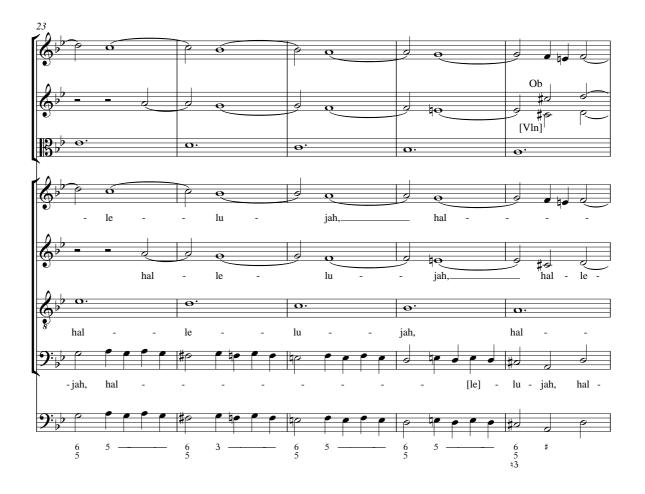
























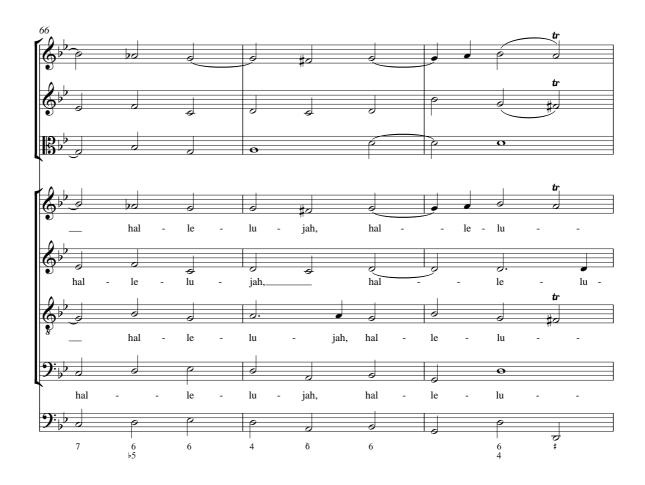














[We will rejoice in Thy salvation] Anthem















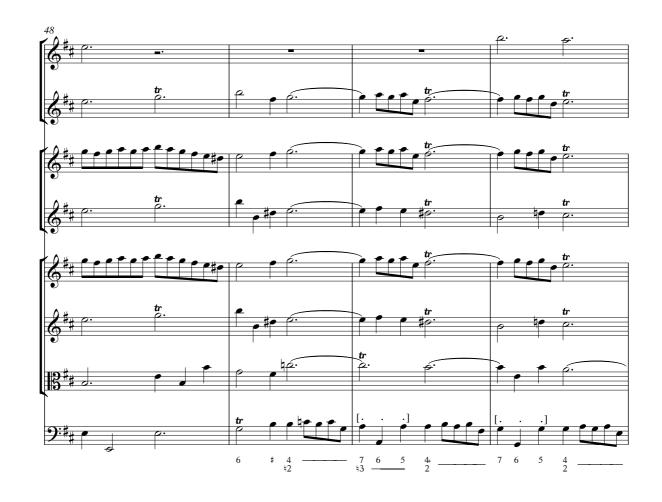












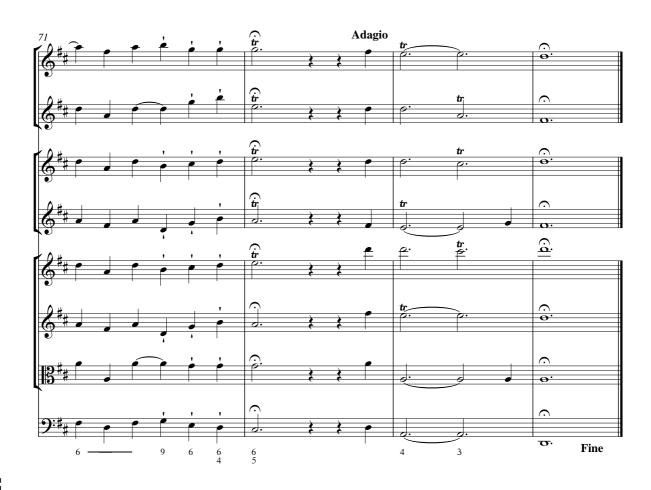






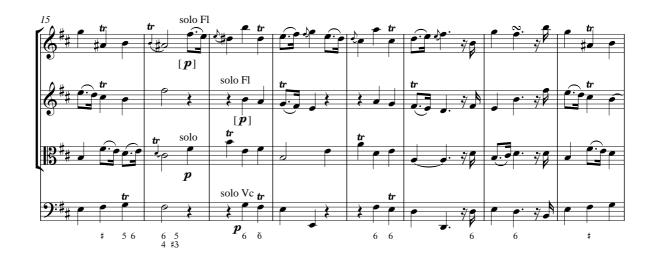




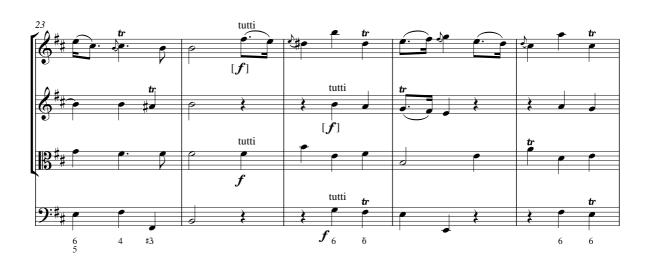


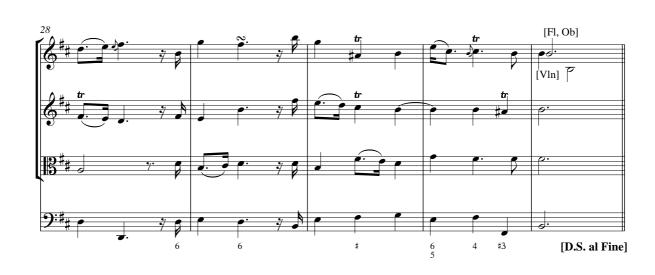




























































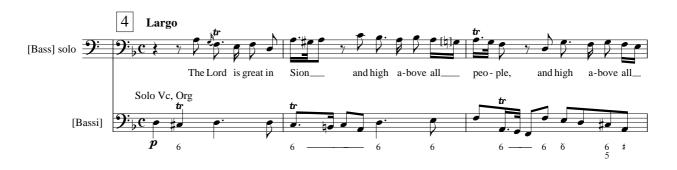




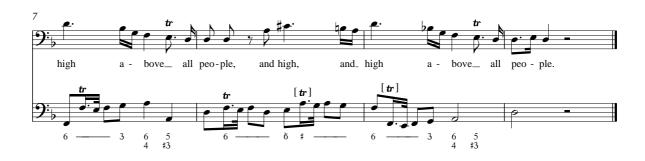
















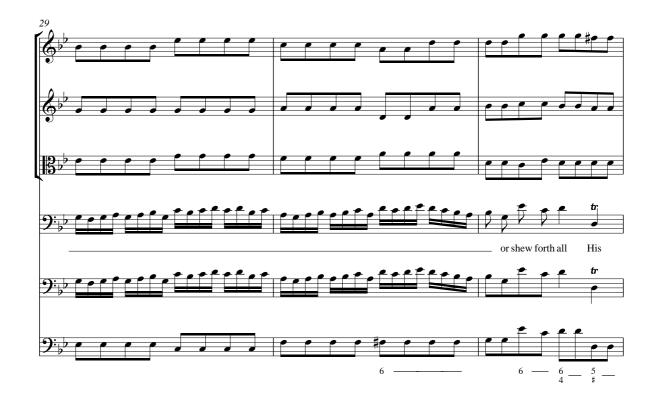






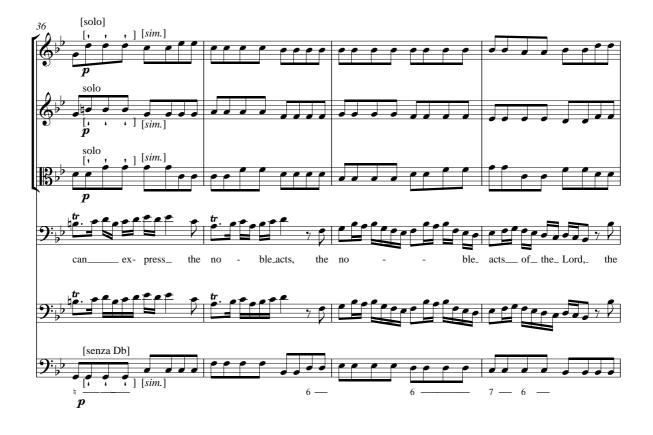
















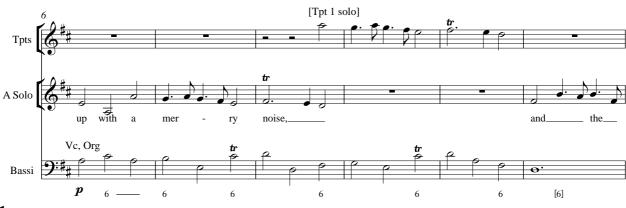


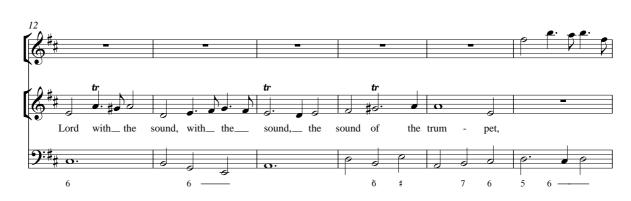






















 $^{^{*}}$ Originally scored for soprano and tenor (see Editorial Method, p. 25). Note in manuscript score: "This Duet wou'd have a better effect, if it was sung by two Trebles."



















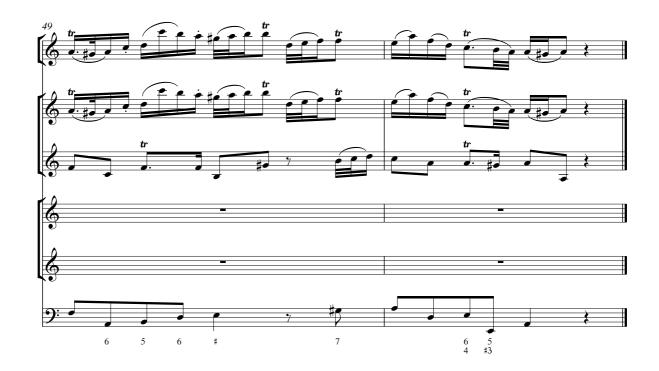






















































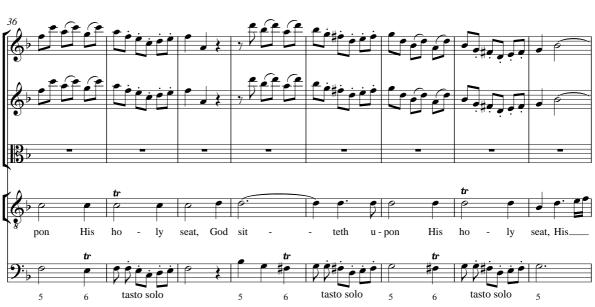






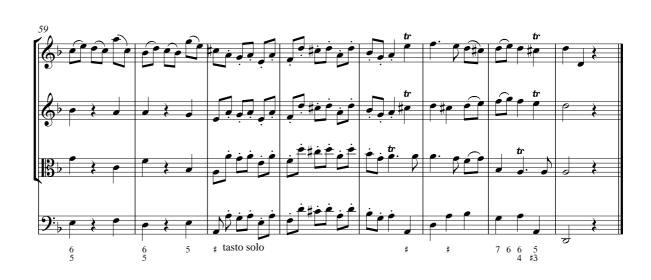


















Note from manuscript score:
"N.B. In this movement the Trebles, Contra-Tenors, Tenors, and Basses, should be equally divided. –
The 2nd Trebles, 2nd Contra-Tenors, 2nd Tenors, and 2nd Basses, are design'd as an Echo to the other voices."

































































CRITICAL NOTES

These notes refer to the manuscript scores described under 'Sources' (pp. 9-14). The notes that refer to secondary sources (manuscript parts) use abbreviations also found under 'Sources'. Note numbers do not include rests but do include tied notes and grace notes. Pitches are described using the so-called Helmholtz pitch names. Staves are numbered vertically from the top of each system.

The following format is used: bar, stave, note number: comment.

Funeral Anthem: The ways of Zion do mourn

1

IV: "tutti Bassi, e Bassoons."

1-5, IV: Bsn 1 part shares Vla stave. 'col basso' at bar 5, note 2

5, IV, 1-2: Bsn 1 semibreve (bsn1 part)

19, II, 3: no trill (vln2/ob2 parts)

56, IV: bass clef after note 2

67, IV, 1-2: figures extension line includes beat 3 (correct in org part)

88, IV, 1: double-stemmed, followed by minim rest for tutti bassi

93, I, 2: no trill (vln1p part)

106, IV, 4: b in vcp part, not in score

107, IV, 3: b in vcp/vcr/bsn1/bsn2/br/org parts, not in score

126, IV: figures extension line includes note 4

128, IV, 2-4: figured 5 followed by extension line (org part)

129, I, 1: no trill (vln1p part)

136, I, 1-3: slur (vln1p/ob1 parts)

143, I, 1: no trill (vln3 part)

151, II and III, 1: double-stemmed minim followed by minim rest for ripieni

163, IV, 1-3: figures extension line stops at note 2

167, I, 1: upper note # in vln1p part, not in score

170, I, 2: ♭ (ob1 part)

172-175, IV: figures in org part, not in score

176, IV, 4: \(\beta\) in vcp/vcr/bsn1/bsn2/br/org parts, not in score

180-184, I-IV: all tied semibreves appear as breves

2 'The ways of Zion do mourn

Tempo marking 'Largo, e piano, con Sordini's'

- 1, V, 2-3: figures in org part, not in score
- 6, IV, 4-5: dotted quaver, semiquaver (CT/org parts)
- 6, V: **p** (org part)
- 9, I, 1-3: no wedge markings (ob1 part)
- 9, II, 2: wedge marking in ob2 part, not in score
- 10, V: **p** (org part)
- 14, I, 3: trill in vln1p part, not in score
- 16, I, 3-4: no wedge marking (vln1ri part)
- 3 'He put on righteousness'
- 42, II, 1-2: figures extension line includes note 2 (correct in org part)
- 4 'When the ear heard him'
- 2, I, 3: no trill (vln1p/vln1rii/vln1rii/ob1 parts)
- 8, II, 3: minim present in score and ob2 part, not in vln parts
- 18, V, 2: trill in org part, not in score
- 30, V, 2-3: slur (not in vcp/org parts)
- 38, III, 3: quaver, leaving bar a quaver short (correct in ct part)
- 48, V, 1-2: semibreve (vcp part)
- 5 'The righteous shall be had'

Tempo indication 'Vivace' (tpt part)

- 2, V,1: no figure (6 in org part)
- 16, V, 1-2: minims in bsn1/bsn2/vcr parts, not in score
- 26, II, 1-3: no slur (vln2r/ob2 parts)
- 34, II, 1: no trill (vln1p part)
- 39, V, 1-3: no wedge markings (bsn1 part)
- 50, V, 1-3: semibreve and minim rest (bsn1/bsn2/vcr parts)
- 56, II, 2-3: no slur (vln2r part)

6 'Their bodies are buried in peace'

At start of movement, after 'Grave': 'N.B. All the Pause notes must be softened by

Degrees'. This is represented by diminuendo markings in the edition.

2, V, 3: no wedge marking (present in ct part)

7-12, VIII: no bassi stave, but figures placed above or below notes on vocal bass stave

7, VII, 1: **f**(vcp part)

10, VII, 1: figures 6 / 5 in org part

11, VII, 4-5: crotchet d, crotchet D in org part

12: ends with double bar line in score

15, VIII, 4-5: quavers in org part

17, I-VI: no trills in manuscript parts, apart from ob1/ob2

17, IV-VI, 1-2: alignment poor in score, owing to four deletions

18, I, 1: no grace note (vln1p/vln1rii/vln1rii parts)

7 'They shall receive a glorious kingdom'

4, II: bar rest in score, but correct in vln2p/vln2r/vln3/ob2 parts

5, II, 4: no trill (vln3/ob2 parts)

21, V, 2-3: figure extension line in org part, not in score

25, III, 4: #

26, V, 1: figure 6 (org part)

26, V, 5: figures 6 / 4 in org part, not in score

39, V, 1: figures 7 / \$\\$5 / \$\\$3 in org part, 7 / \$\\$3 in score

63, I, 1: double-stemmed minim, followed by minim rest, for oboe

8 'Hallelujah'

1-12, VI: not present in the score, but found in vln3 part

16-20: bsn 1 shares stave with tenor (16, VI: '1st Bassoon unison', 20, VI: 'col Basso')

20, VIII, 4: \(\beta\) missing (vcp part)

26, VII, 4: syllable 'le' missing

30, VII, 1: undotted semibreve; dot in B part

34-36: bsns and vc share stave with vocal bass

37, I, 1: fermata in vln1p/ob1 parts, not in score

- 51-54: bsn 1 shares stave with tenor
- 72-73, I-VIII: tied semibreves are dotted breves, and semibreves are breves

Anthem: We will rejoice in Thy salvation

- 1 Sinfonia
- 3, VIII, 1: no trill (bsn1/bsn2/vc/br parts)
- 8, VII, 8: e' corrected to d' and 'd' written above
- 13-14, IV, 4: crotchet (ob2 part)
- 15-74: dotted minim rests in edition are minim rests in score
- 19, IV, 2-4: no staccato marks (ob2 part)
- 31, I-IV, rest: no dots
- 31, V, 1: double stemmed
- 31, VI, 2: double stemmed
- 33, VII, 4: no trill (vla part)
- 33, VIII, rest: no dot
- 37, II-IV, rest 1: no dots
- 44, II, rest: no dot
- 47, VI, 1: no trill (vln2 part)
- 48, I, rest: no dot
- 56, III and V, 1: crotchet tied to quaver in score
- 65, VIII, 2: no trill (bsn1/bsn2/vc/br parts)
- 68, I, 4: no trill (tpt1 part)
- 72, IV, 1: no trill (ob2 part)
- 74, VIII, 1: no fermata (bsn1/bsn2 parts)
- 2 Affettuoso
- IV: "Basso"
- 14, I, 3: no turn missing (vln1 part)
- 20, III, 1-2: minim (leaving bar a quaver short)
- 32: after double barline: "Repeat the Allegro Moderato"
- 3 Introduction 'We will rejoice in Thy salvation'
- 5, VI, 2 to 6, VI, 1: notes in bsn1/bsn2 parts, not in score

- 30, VI, 10: 'solo' marked in bsn1 part in pencil
- 40, III, 1: no trill (vln1 part)
- 41: "Chorus" at top of page
- 41, VII, 1: "solo" (ap part)
- 43, IV, 2: no trill (vln2 part)
- 43, IV, 4: no wedge marking (vln2 part)
- 43, VII, 1: wedge marking
- 45, VIII, 1: "solo" (tp part)
- 50, XI, 1: no trill (B1/B2 parts)
- 58, X, 5: no trill (T part)
- 59, XI, 1: no trill (B1 part)
- 61, IX, 4: no trill (A2 part)
- 62, XI, 1: no trill (B1/B2 parts)
- 63, IX, 3: no trill (A2 part)
- 71, XI, 1: no trill (B1/B2 parts)
- 73, VIII, 7: no trill (S1/S2 parts)
- 73, IX, 8: no trill (A1/A2 parts)
- 74, XI, 4: no trill (B1/B2 parts)
- 80, XII, 1: 'solo' marked in bsn1 part in pencil
- 80, XII, 1 to 82, XII, 2: written in tenor clef
- 86, XI, 1: fermata above note (B1/B2 parts)
- 87, XI, 1: no trill (B1/B2 parts)
- 92, VIII, 4: no trill (S1 part)
- 96, IX, 6: no trill (A2 part)
- 101, V and VI, 1: double stemmed

5 'Who can express the noble acts'

V: no separate bsn 1 stave. Bsn 1 in unison with voice ("Bassoon unison") throughout, in unison with bassi ("Bassoons colla Basso") when voice rests

- 33, III, 5: no trill (vla part)
- 42, V, 5: no trill (bsn2 part)
- 47, V, 9: quaver (bsn1/bsn2 parts)

- 7 'God is gone up'
- 7, III, 3: no trill (vc part)
- 8, I, 1: 'solo' marked in pencil (tpt1 part)
- 34, II, 5: no trill (ap part)
- 56, III, 1: originally e, then corrected
- 60, II, 3: no trill (ap part)
- 73, IV: preceding bar (omitted from edition) lacks rest
- 73, II-III, 1: "senza oboe" (however, ripieno parts are resting)
- 80, VI, 1: G (vc part)
- 8 'Be thou exalted'
- 1, II, 6-8: slur over notes 6-7, no slur in vln1 part
- 1, II, 8: no wedge marking
- 4, I, 1-3: no slur (fl1 part)
- 4, I, 3: no wedge marking
- 4, II, 3: a' (vln1 part)
- 9, I, 5-7: slur over notes 5-6 only (fl1 part)
- 10, V, 4: trill here, not note 3 (tp part)
- 12, V, 2: no trill (tp part)
- 13, V, 1: no trill (tp part)
- 20, IV, 1: no trill (tp part)
- 27, I, 5-7: slur over notes 5-6 only (fl1 part)
- 27, II, 6-8: slur over notes 6-7 only (vln1 part)
- 28, VI, 4: no trill (vc/br parts)
- 41, V, 6: no trill (tp part)
- 42, I, 3: no wedge marking
- 47, I, 7: no wedge marking
- 47, II, 8: no wedge marking
- 9 Trio 'O sing praises'
- 23, VI, 1: **f** in vln1 part, not in score
- 43, III, 5: e" corrected to d" and 'd' written above
- 47, XII, 1: double stemmed

- 52-55, IX: alternative underlay in ap part, where the syllables in bars 53-54 are omitted
- 57, XII, 1: double stemmed
- 89, XII, 1: slurred to next note (vc part)
- 118, XII, 1: double stemmed
- 127, XII, 2-3: no slur (br part)
- 128, VI: **f** in vln1 part, not in score
- 133, II, 2: followed by redundant crotchet rest
- 10 'God reigneth over the heathen'
- 11, V, 1: crotchet followed by crotchet rest (br part)
- 12, V, 2: horizontal line in figures
- 25, V, 1: crotchet followed by crotchet rest (br part)
- 32-52, II: empty in score: an initial wavy line and rests in bars 46-48 indicate that vln 2 doubles vln 1
- 44, V: figures in score are inverted: 6 above 8, 5 above 7
- 58, V, 1: no staccato marking (vc/br parts)
- 11 'Give the Lord the honour'
- 11-15, V: bsns written on bassi stave, labelled "tutti bassi"
- 7, XVIII, 1: c# (vc/br parts)
- 15, VII, 14: c#" (vln2 part)
- 20-29, V: written in tenor clef
- 25, I and X, 2: trills in tpt2 and ap/A1 parts, not in score
- 28, XVI, 2: trill missing in score, present in B2 part
- 31, XVII, 1: no staccato marking (vc/br parts)
- 32, IV, 1: staccato (ob2 part)
- 34-35, IV: no staccato markings (ob2 part)
- 36, IV, 1: staccato (ob2 part)
- 37, IV, 1: no staccato marking (ob2 part)
- 12 'Blessed be the name of the Lord'
- 5, III, 1: a' and a" (only a" in vln1 part)
- 10, IX, 1: g\(\beta\) (B2 part)

- 16, X, 1: **p** in vc part, not in score
- 20, X, 6: f in vc part, not in score
- 23, X, 3-4: dotted quaver and semiquaver in bsn1/bsn2 parts
- 27, X, 2 to 29, X, 9: written in soprano clef in score
- 28, VII, 6: no trill (A2 part)
- 30, VI, 3: trill in vln2 part, not in score
- 46, XII, 1: p in bsn1 part, not in score
- 46, XII, 1: bsn1 part marked 'solo' in pencil
- 51, XII, 1: **f** in bsn1 part, not in score
- 57, V and VIII, 6: no trill (vln1 and S1 parts)
- 13 'Glory be to the Father'
- 9, XIII, 4-5: dotted quaver and semiquaver (B1 part)
- 18, X, 3: no trill (S1/S2 parts)
- 26, VI and XIV, 2: no trill (bsn1/bsn2/vc/br parts)
- 26, XIII, 3: no trill (B1 part)
- 30, IX, 2: two crotchets (vla part)
- 32, X, 1: no trill (S2 part)
- 36, VIII, 2: trill here, not note 3 (vln2 part)
- 39, XI, 1: no trill (ap/A2 parts)
- 44, VII, 3: no trill (vln1 part)
- 44, XI, 4: no trill (A2 part)
- 50-51, X: no tie (S1 part)
- 54, XI, 2: no trill (A2 part)
- 59, X, 3: no trill (S2 part)
- 64, III, 1: staccato
- 64, IX, 2 to 65, IX, 2: no wedge markings
- 66, IX, 1: no wedge marking (vla part)
- 66, IX, 2 to 67, IX, 1: staccato
- 78, X, 2: no trill (S2 part)
- 78, XII, 1: no trill (tp part)
- 81-82, XI and XIV: no tie (ap and vc/br parts)

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