

Ave verum Corpus

(Hail, O hail, true body)

Sequence Hymn for Corpus Christi
by Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

WILLIAM BYRD
(c.1540–1623)

Superius
SOPRANO
A - ve ve - rum Cor - - pus, na - tum
Hail, O hail, true bo - - dy, of the

Medius
ALTO
A - ve ve - rum Cor - - pus, na - tum
Hail, O hail, true bo - - dy, of the

Tenor
TENOR
A - ve ve - rum Cor - - pus, na - tum
Hail, O hail, true bo - - dy, of the

Bassus
BASS
A - ve ve - rum Cor - - pus, na - tum de
Hail, O hail, true bo - - dy, of the bless-

Calmly ♩ = 69

(for rehearsal only)

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de Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne: Ve - re pas - sum, im - mo - la -
bless - ed Vir - gin Ma - ry born: you who suf - fered, sa - cri - fi -

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cresc. *dim.* *mp* *cresc.*

-tum in cru - ce pro ho - mi - ne: Cu - ius la - tus per - fo - ra -
 -ced, on cross hung for sake of man: from whose side most cruel - ly pier -

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mf *mp*

- tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne, san - gui - ne: Es -
 - ced, came forth streams of ho - ly blood, ho - ly blood: grant -

-ra - tum, un - da flu - xit san - gui - ne, san - gui - ne: Es -
 pier - ced, came forth streams of ho - ly blood, ho - ly blood: grant -

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dim. *mf*

- to no - bis prae - gu - sta - tum in mor - tis ex - a - mi - ne. O
 — your ser - vants con - so - la - tion when death brings our fi - nal hour. O

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 — your ser - vants con - so - la - tion when death brings, when death brings our fi - nal hour.

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dim. *p*

dul - cis, O pi - e, O Je - su Fi - li Ma - ri - ae,
 sweet - est, O bless - ed, O Je - su, son born of Ma - ry,

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p *mp* *mf*

mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re
 we be-seech thy mer - cy, we be-seech thy

mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re me - i, mi - se -
 we be-seech thy mer - cy, we be-seech thee, we be-seech thy mer - cy, we be -

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 we be-seech thy mer - cy, we be-seech thy mer - cy, mer -

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 we be-seech thy mer - cy, we be - seech thy mer - cy, we -

mp

me - i, me - i. O - i. A - - men.
 mer - cy, mer - cy. O - cy. A - - men.

-re - re me - i. -i. A - - men.
 -seech thy mer - cy. -cy. A - - men.

- i, mi - se - re - re me - i. -i. A - - men.
 - cy, we be-seech thy mer - cy. -cy. A - - men.

- se-re - re me - i. -i. A - - men.
 - be-seech thy mer - cy. -cy. A - - men.

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