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Lamb Of God

Holy (piano version)

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Interpreting the Versicles

In a nutshell, the basic concept of the Acclamation Versicle is:

Chord | Recite | Chord | Recite | Chord | Sing, and continue on.

The cantor should observe the commas, and make a definite pause. This provides for a more relaxed recitation and offers the congregation time to digest the meaning. Each Versicle will be different in length, but the object is to give the illusion of a fixed metered Verse-Section of the song. The instrumentalist must provide a solid cue to the cantor for the each phrase, and the cantor must listen carefully for that cue. The order of technique in the Versicle section is:

- 1. **Instrumentalist**: Play the first chord:
 - a. Use a rolled chord.
 - b. Add quarter-note bass notes for a metered pulse, understanding that you may not play a complete measure when it comes time to change.
- 2. Cantor: Recite first phrase.
 - a. Wait for the first chord to sound. Take your time and recite slowly and clearly.
 - b. When you have finished the first phrase, stop.
- 3. **Instrumentalist:** Play the second chord:
 - a. No matter how many quarter bass notes you have played in the previous phrase, or that it seems like an incomplete measure, change to the next chord, and continue the bass note pulse.
- 4. **Cantor**: Recite the second phrase.
 - a. Wait for the second chord to sound before beginning to recite the second phrase. When you have finished the second phrase, stop.
- 5. **Instrumentalist**: Play cadence chord when the second phrase is complete.
- 6. **Instrumentalist and Cantor:** Continue on with the notated music.

Creating your own Versicles

A unique feature of the *Unity Mass' Gospel Acclamations* is that they are "living acclamations"; ones that dynamically change to provide a direct relationship to the gospel. To achieve this relationship, the Versicles should be changed to correspond with the gospel for that week. To do this, follow these steps:

- 1. Utilize the Lectionary or any other resource that has a Versicle for each gospel.
- 2. Locate the Gospel Versicle for a particular week.
- 3. Be certain the Versicle is in a *two-phrase form*. Most already are, and need no tweaking, but if not, combine phrases to produce a two phrase Versicle. Additional commas may also be added to improve audibility. For example, here is one from the 3rd Sunday in Advent A, before and after:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

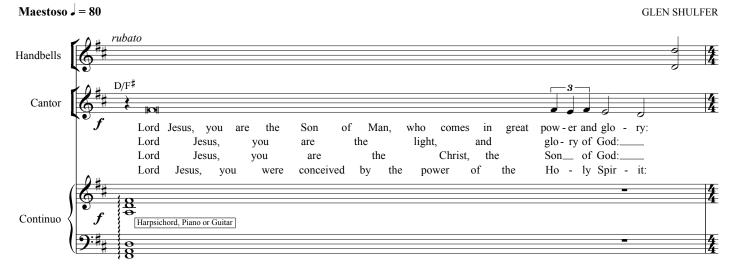
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Phrase 2: because he has anointed me, to bring glad tidings to the poor.

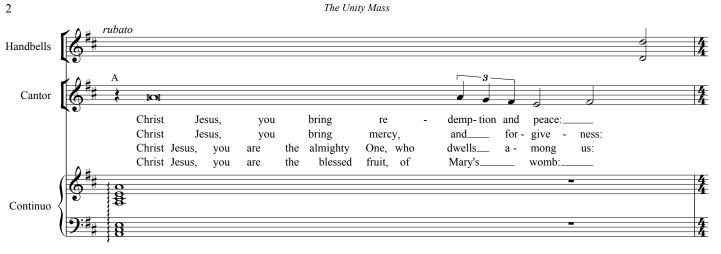
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Lord Have Mercy

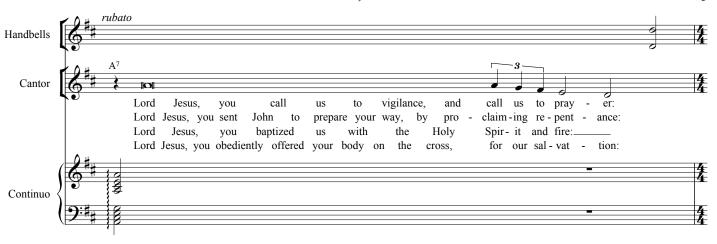
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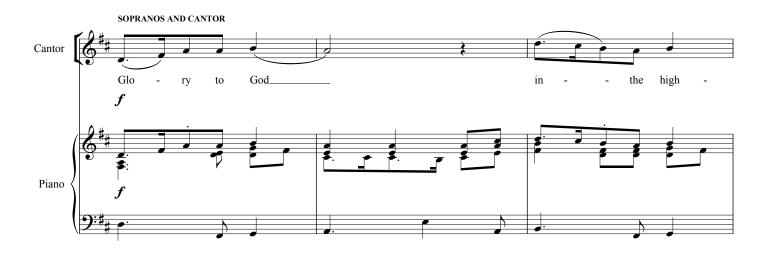
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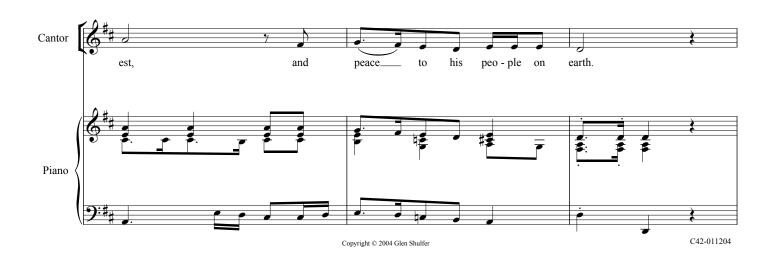


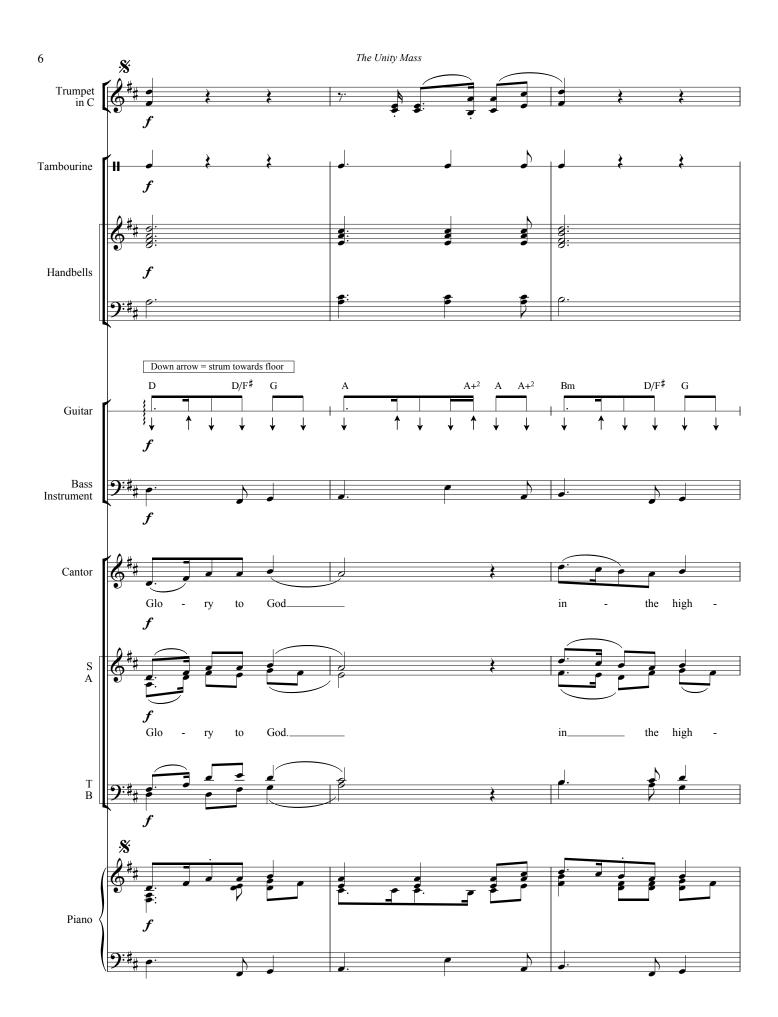
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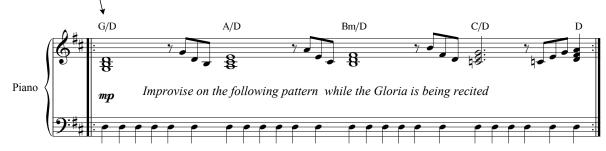


Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

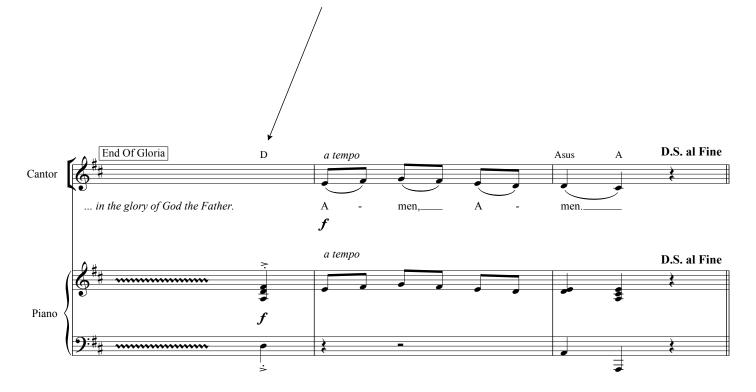
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.



When the words "*in the glory of God the Father*" are spoken, no matter where you are in the above improvisation, proceed to ending chord, and continue



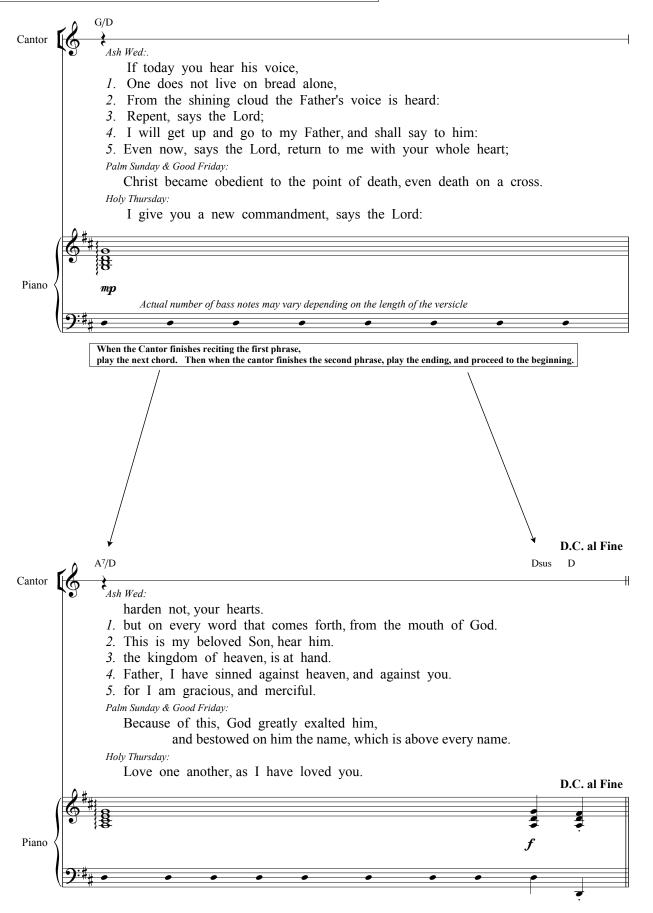
Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Praise To You, Lord Jesus Christ





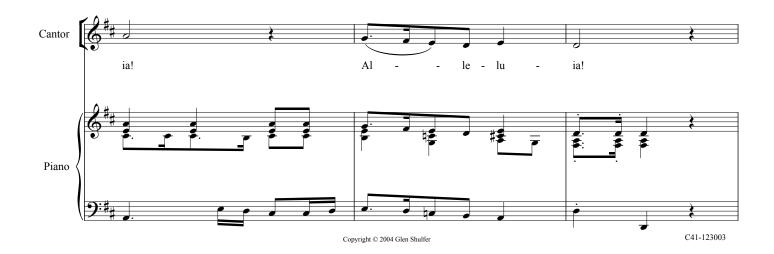
Cycle C - Versicles: Recited with animation and expression



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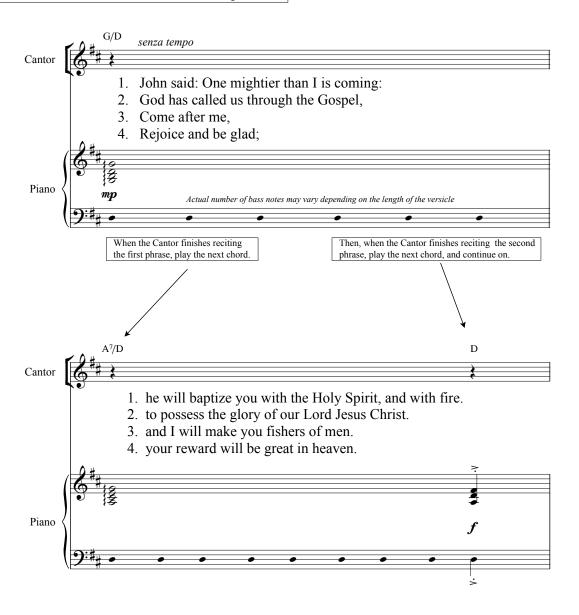
The Unity Mass Alleluia! GLEN SHULFER



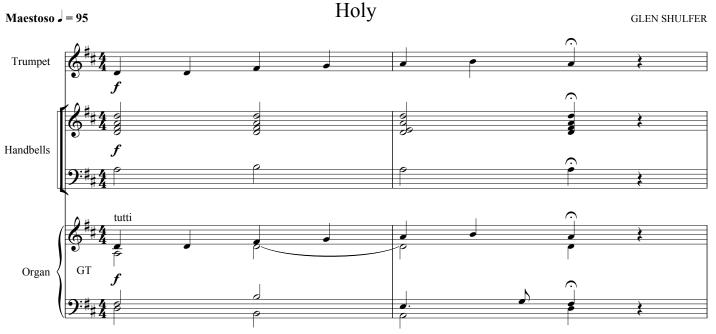


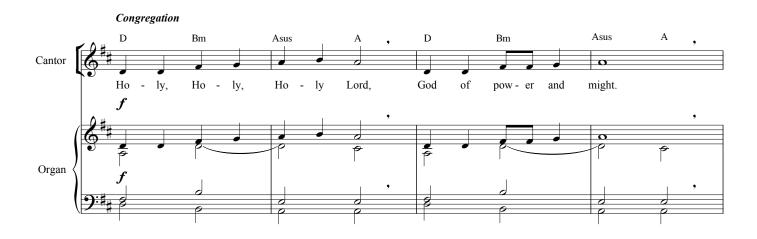


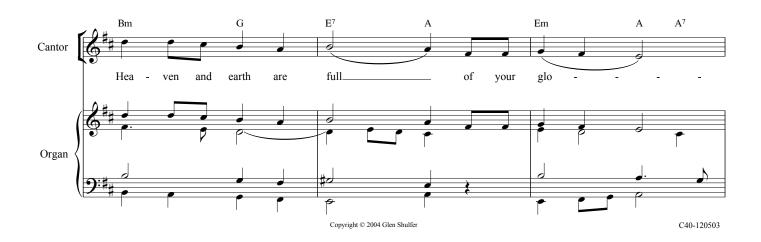




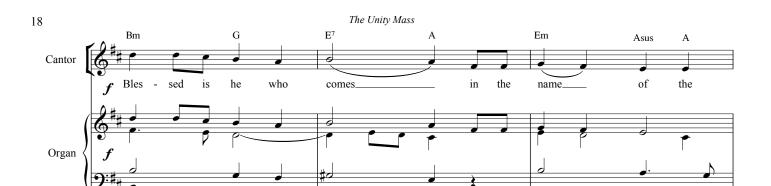








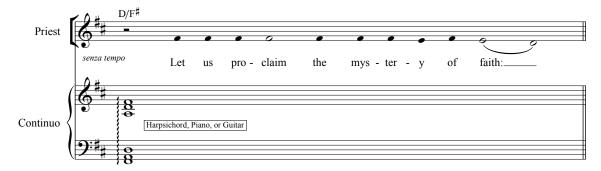
The Unity Mass 17 ff mp mf Timpani $f \!\!\! f$ Cymbals ff mf mpff Handbells G/D D D/F# G/D G G/B Asus A san - na in Но Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! the high - est. ff mf high - est. Ho - san - na! T B **f** GT Organ





Christ Has Died

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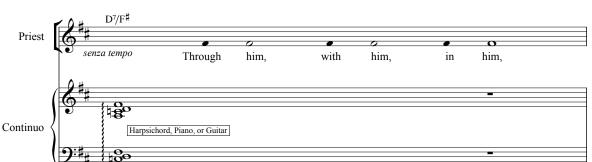
20 The Unity Mass rit. Handbells Bass Instrument mp C A^7 D A Em Asus Soprano Cantor Christ will come a sen. gain. Christ will come a - gain. sen. Tenor Christ Christ will come a gain. Bass Christ will come a - gain... Christ ris sen. rit. Piano

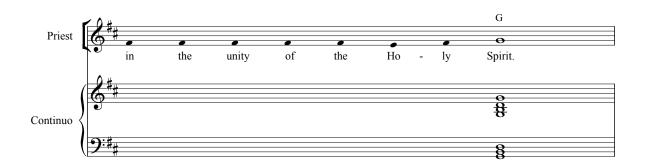
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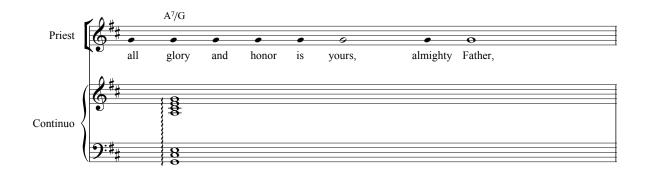
Dying You Destroyed Our Death

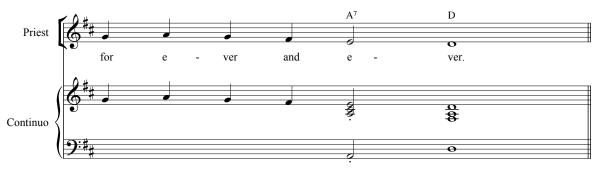


Expressive J = 53 Amen









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Holy Piano

Maestoso J = 95GLEN SHULFER

Lamb Of God

Expressive J = 55GLEN SHULFER a tempo mp molto rit. a tempo mp



Lord Have Mercy Form C - CYCLE B

Maestoso = 80

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