Robert Adams *(floruit 1550)*

**Nunc dimittis**
from the Hamond Partbooks

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**The composer:**
Robert Adams was a gentleman of the Chapel Royal. (Peter Le Huray, in *Music and the Reformation in England*, sniffily deems him a "minor Chapel Royal composer", not "of any great consequence".) Adams’s two known compositions, a *Venite* and *Nunc dimittis*, are both found only in the Hamond Partbooks, and offer an interesting glimpse into the repertoire of a regular parish church in the Elizabethan era.

**This edition:**
Transcribed from the Hamond Partbooks (GB-Lbl: Add MSS 30480-3), this edition has halved note values, and is transposed up a major third from the original. Editorial accidentals and slurs have been added. Spelling and punctuation have been standardized. At measures 33-38 and 59-63 the Discantus and Altus parts have been switched, to facilitate use by modern SATB choirs.
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
depart in peace, according to thy word,
depart in peace, according to thy word, according to thy word,
depart in peace, according to thy word, according to thy word,
depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, salvation, which thou
on, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
prepared, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

to be a light to light the Gentiles,
to be a light to light the Gentiles, Gentiles, the Gentiles,
be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to
the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

be the glory of thy people Israel.

be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the

be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to

Father, glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and

Father, glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, and

is now, and ever shall be,

is now, and ever shall be, ever shall be,

is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

world without end, Amen, Amen.