

O KING MOST HIGH

Motet for Double Choir

Anon. trans. W. J. Blew (1808-1894)
from the Cluniac Breviary (1686)

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(1866-1926)

Maestoso [♩ = 84]

S1 O King most high of earth and sky On
A1 O King most high of earth and sky — On
I O King most high of earth and sky — On
T1 O King most high — of earth and sky — On
B1 O King most high — of earth and sky — On
S2 O King most high of earth and sky
A2 O King most high of earth and sky —
II O King most high of earth and sky —
T2 O King most high — of earth and sky —
B2 O King most high — of earth and sky —

S1 pros-trate death — thou — tread - est, And with thy blood —
A1 pros-trate death — thou — tread - est, And with thy blood —
I pros-trate death — thou — tread - est, And with thy blood —
T1 pros-trate death, on pros-trate death thou tread - est, And with thy blood —
B1 On pros-trate death — thou — tread - est, And with thy
S2 On pros-trate death — thou — tread - est, And with thy
A2 On pros-trate death — thou — tread - est, And with thy
II On pros-trate death — thou — tread - est, And with thy
T2 On pros-trate death — thou — tread - est, And with thy
B2 On pros-trate death, on pros-trate death thou tread - est, And with thy

11
 — dost mark the road — Where - by to heav'n, to heav'n — thou —
 — dost mark the road — Where - by to heav'n, — to heav'n — thou
 — dost mark the road — Where - by to heav'n, — to heav'n — thou —
 — dost mark the road — Where - by, where - by to heav'n, — to heav'n thou

11
 blood — — — — — dost mark the road — Where - by to heav'n thou lead -
 blood — — — — — dost mark the road — Where - by to heav'n, to heav'n thou lead -
 blood — — — — — dost mark the road — Where - by to heav'n, — to heav'n thou
 blood — — — — — dost mark the road — Where - by to heav'n, to heav'n thou

16 *dim.* *mp*
 lead - est. Lord — — — — — of our love, en-throned a - bove, Be-side the Al -
 lead - est. *dim.* *mp* Lord — — — — — of our love, en - throned a - bove, Be-side the Al -
 lead - est. *dim.* *mp* Lord — — — — — of our love, en - throned a - bove, Be - side the Al -
 lead - est. *dim.* *mp* Lord — — — — — of our love, en - throned a - bove, Be - side the Al -

16 *dim.*
 - - est, thou lead - est.
 - - est, thou lead - est.
 lead - est, thou lead - est.
 lead - est, thou lead - est.

21

migh - ty Fa - ther, _____

migh - ty Fa - ther,

migh - ty Fa - ther, _____

migh - ty Fa - ther, _____

21

Thou wilt not leave thy flock to _____

Thou wilt not leave thy flock to _____

Thou wilt not leave thy flock to grieve, _____ to _____

Thou wilt not leave thy flock to grieve, _____ to _____

25

But to thy-self, _____ but to thy-self _____ wilt ga -

But to thy-self, but to thy-self _____ wilt ga - ther, but to thy-self wilt

But to thy-self, _____ to thy-self _____ wilt ga -

But to thy-self, but to thy-self, _____ thy-self wilt

25

grieve _____ But to thy-self _____ wilt ga -

grieve _____ But to thy-self, but to thy-self _____ wilt ga -

grieve _____ But to thy-self, to thy-self, _____ but to thy-self wilt.

grieve _____ But to thy-self, _____ to thy-self _____ wilt

29 *mp*
 - ther. O Christ, be - hold thine or - phan'd fold, —
 ga-ther. O Christ, be - hold thine or - phan'd fold,
 - ther. O Christ, be - hold thine or - phan'd fold,

29
 - ther.
 - ther. Which thou hast
 ga-ther. Which thou
 ga-ther. Which thou

35
 Steep'd in the tide from thy rent —
 Steep'd in the tide from thy rent
 Steep'd in the tide from thy rent
 Steep'd in the tide from thy rent

35
 borne with an - guish, Steep'd in the tide
 — hast borne with an - guish, Steep'd in the tide
 — hast borne with an - guish, Steep'd in the tide

41

side; _____

side; _____

side; _____

side, from thy rent side; _____

O leave us not, _____ leave us

O leave us not, _____ leave us

41

O leave us not to lan - guish, leave us not to lan -

O leave us not to lan - guish, leave us

O leave us not to lan - - - - - guish, leave us

O leave us not to lan - guish, _____

46

O leave us not to lan-guish, to lan - - guish. The

not to lan - guish, leave us not to lan-guish. The

O leave us not to lan - guish! _____ The

not to lan - - - - - guish, to lan - - guish. The

46

guish, O leave us not, leave us not to lan-guish.

O leave us not to lan-guish.

not, O leave us not to lan - guish. _____

O leave us not to lan - - guish.

51

glo - rious gain of all thy pain, of all thy

51

glo - rious gain of all thy pain, the glo-rious
 The glo - rious gain of all, all thy
 The glo - rious gain of all thy
 The glo - rious gain, the gain of all
 The glo - rious gain, the glo-rious gain of all thy

55

pain, the glo - rious gain, the glo - rious gain of
 pain, the glo - rious gain, the glo - rious gain
 pain, the glo - rious gain, the glo - rious gain of
 gain, the glo - rious gain, the gain of

55

pain, the glo - rious gain of
 pain, the glo - rious gain of
 thy pain, the glo - rious gain of
 pain, thy pain, the glo - rious gain, the gain of

*T2, 53, orig. C

59

all thy pain, Hence - forth thou dost in - her - it;

of all thy pain Hence - forth thou dost in - her - - it;

all thy pain Hence - forth dost thou in - her -

59 all thy pain Hence - forth, hence - forth dost thou in - her - - -

all thy pain Hence - forth dost thou in - her - it;

all thy pain Hence - forth dost thou in - her - it;

all thy pain Hence - forth dost thou in -

all thy pain Hence - forth, hence - forth thou dost in -

63

it; then gent - ly show'r, then

it; then gent - ly show'r, then

63 Now comes the hour, now comes the hour,

Now comes the hour, now comes the hour,

her - it; Now comes the hour, now comes the hour,

her - it; Now comes the hour, now comes the hour

69

p

then gent - ly, gent - ly — show'r On us, — on us thy

then gent - ly, gent - ly — show'r On

gent - ly — show'r, then gent - ly, gent - ly — show'r — On us, — on

gent - ly — show'r, then gent - ly show'r On

69

then gent - ly, gent - ly show'r,

then gent - ly, gent - ly show'r

then gent - ly, gent - ly show'r On us thy prom - is'd

75

pp

prom - is'd — Spi - rit, thy Spi - rit, thy prom - is'd Spi - rit.

pp

us — thy prom - is'd Spi - rit, thy prom - is'd Spi - rit.

dim. *pp*

us thy prom - is'd Spi - rit, thy prom - is'd, prom - is'd Spi - rit.

dim. *pp*

us — thy — prom - is'd Spi - rit, on us thy prom - is'd — Spi - rit.

dim. *pp*

then gent - ly show'r On — us — thy prom - is'd Spi - rit.

pp

then gent - ly show'r — On — us — thy prom - is'd Spi - rit.

dim. *pp*

thy — prom - is'd, prom - is'd — Spi - rit.

dim. *pp*

Spi - rit, on us, — on us thy prom - is'd — Spi - rit.

81 *f* Je - su, to thee all glo - ry be With
Je - su, to thee all glo - ry be With
Je - su, to thee all glo - ry be With
Je - su, to thee all glo - ry be With

81 *f* Je - su, to thee all glo - ry be
Je - su, to thee all glo - ry be
Je - su, to thee all glo - ry be
Je - su, to thee all glo - ry be

86 Sire and Spi - rit as - cend - ing; Thy throne doth stand *ff*
Sire and Spi - rit as - cend - ing; Thy throne doth stand *ff*
Sire and Spi - rit as - cend - ing; Thy throne doth stand *ff*
Sire and Spi - rit as - cend - ing; Thy throne doth stand *ff*

86 With Sire and Spi - rit as - cend - ing; Thy throne doth *ff*
With Sire and Spi - rit as - cend - ing; Thy throne doth *ff*
With Sire and Spi - rit as - cend - ing; Thy throne doth *ff*
With Sire and Spi - rit as - cend - ing; Thy throne doth *ff*

91

— at God's right hand— Through a - ges, through a - ges with-out

— at God's right hand— Through a - ges, a - - - ges with-out

8 — at God's right hand— Through a - ges, a - - - ges with-out

91 — at God's right hand— Through a - ges, through a - - - ges with-out

stand _____ at God's right hand— Through a - ges with-out

stand _____ at God's right hand— Through a - ges, through a - ges with-out

8 stand _____ at God's right hand— Through a - ges with - out—

stand _____ at God's right hand— Through a - ges with - out—

96

end - ing, through a - ges with - out end - - - - ing.

end - ing, through a - - - ges with - out end - ing.

8 end - ing, through a - - - ges with - out end - ing.

96 end - ing, through a - - - ges with-out end - ing.

end - ing, through a - ges with - out end - - - - ing.

end - ing, through a - - - ges with - out end - ing.

8 end - ing, through a - - - ges with - out end - ing.

end - ing, through a - - - ges with-out end - ing.