

Nunc dimittis

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Sources : The Whole Book of Psalms---London---W.Godbid---1677.

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Notes : Original clefs : G2, G2, F4, F4(B)

Editorial accidentals above the staff

Original note values have been halved except m 3, 8, 13 and 18

Musical score for the first system of 'Nunc dimittis'. It features four staves: Soprano, Tenor, BC (Bass and Continuo), and Bass. The Soprano and Tenor parts have lyrics: "O, Lord, be - cause my hearts de - sire, hath wish - ed long to see,". The BC and Bass parts provide harmonic support. The music is in common time (C) and begins with a treble clef for the Soprano and Tenor, and a bass clef for the Bass. The BC part is indicated by a brace on the left.

Musical score for the second system of 'Nunc dimittis'. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Tenor (T), BC (Bass and Continuo), and Bass (B). The Soprano and Tenor parts have lyrics: "my on - ly Lord and Sa - vi - our, thy Son be - fore I dye:". The BC and Bass parts provide harmonic support. The music is in common time (C) and begins with a treble clef for the Soprano and Tenor, and a bass clef for the Bass. The BC part is indicated by a brace on the left. A measure rest of 6 is shown at the beginning of the Soprano and Tenor staves.

Nunc dimittis

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S
The joy and health of all Man - kind, de - si - red long be - fore,

T
The joy and health of all Man - kind, de - si - red long be - fore,

BC

B
The joy and health of all Man - kind, de - si - red long be - fore,

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S
which - now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy brin - ging store.

T
which now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy brin - ging store.

BC

B
which now is come in - to the world, of mer - cy brin - ging store.

- 2) Thou sufferest thy servant now in peace for to depart:
According to thy holy Word, which lightened my hearth.
Because mine eyes which thou hast made, to give my body light,
Have now beheld thy saving health, which the Lord of might.
- 3) Whom thou mercifully hast set, of thine bundant grace,
In open sight, and visible, before all peoples face.
The Gentiles to illuminate, and Satan overquell:
And eke to be the glory of thy people Israel.