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Receive, O Lord

for Choir (SATB) a cappella

(2020)

Prayer of St. Ignatius

*In honor of the 2020 CMAA Colloquium
Tampa, FL*

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AM † DG

Text

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Receive, O Lord, all my liberty.
Take my memory, my understanding, and my entire will.
Whatever I have or hold, Thou hast given me;
I give it all back to Thee
and surrender it wholly to be governed by Thy will.
Give me only Thy love and Thy grace,
and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.

from Spiritual Exercises #234

Performance Notes

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con moto perpetuo

The ostinato should be sung as legato as possible, without break or choral breathes.

The dynamic should serve as a reserved "pedal tone."

The high notes should be soft and unaccented.

These sections should be sung as placidly as possible without vibrato.

The ostinato is found wherever *con moto perpetuo* is indicated.

All other lines should be sung and phrased as is fitting for beautiful choral singing.

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Moderato *con moto perpetuo molto legato*

p

Soprano

Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O

con moto perpetuo molto legato

p

Alto

O__ Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O__ Lord, Re- ceive, O

Tenor

Bass

9

S.

Lord, Re- ceive_ O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O

A.

Lord, Re - ceive, O__ Lord, Re - ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O__ Lord, Re - ceive, O__

T.

mf cantabile

Re- ceive, O

B.

mf cantabile

Re- ceive, O

* A

* indicates end of ostinato pattern

** indicates curtailment of ostinato pattern

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S. Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive_ O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O

A. Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O__ Lord, Re - ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O__

T. Lord,_____ all my li - - ber - ty._____ Take my__

B. Lord,_____ all my li - - ber - ty._____ Take my__

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S. Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive_ O Lord, Re- ceive, O

A. Lord, Re - ceive, O__ Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O__ Lord, Re - ceive, O

T. me - - mo - ry._____ Take my un - der - stan -

B. me - - mo - ry._____ Take my un - der - stan -



33

S. *ten.*
Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O

A. *ten.*
Lord, Re - ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O

T. *ten.*
ding, and my en - ti - re will. "rə"

B. *ten.*
ding, and my en - ti - re will. "rə"

41 **B**

S. *
Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O

A. Lord, Re - ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O

T. *p*
What - e - ver - I have or hold,

B. *mf*
What - e - ver I have or hold,



poco rall. .
mf cantabile

49

S. Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Re- ceive, O Lord, Thou hast

A. Lord, Re - ceive, O__ Lord, Re - ceive, O Lord, Re - ceive, O__ Lord, Re - ceive,

T. *mf* Thou hast gi-ven to me;_____ Thou hast gi-ven to

B. Thou hast gi-ven to me;_____ Thou hast gi-ven to me;_____

C
Andante
mp

57

S. gi-ven to me;_____ I give it all back to Thee,_____

A. *mf cantabile* Thou hast gi-ven to me;_____ *mp* I give it all back to Thee,_____

T. me;_____ Thou hast gi-ven to me;_____ I give it all back to

B. I give it all



66

S. I give it all back to Thee, all back to Thee_____

A. I give it all back to Thee, all back to Thee_____ I give it

T. Thee,_____ I give it all back to Thee, I give it all back to Thee_____

B. back_ to Thee, I give it all back to Thee, I give it all back to Thee_____

74 *poco a poco accel.*

S. and sur - ren - der it whol - ly_____

A. all back to Thee and sur - ren - der it whol - ly_____

T. _____ and sur - ren - der it whol - ly, and sur - ren - der it whol -

B. _____ and sur - ren - der it whol_____ ly_____



D

87

S. to be go-vern-ed by Thy will, to be go-vern-ed by Thy will,

A. to be go-vern-ed by Thy will, to be go-vern-ed, to be go-vern-ed

T. -ly to be go-vern-ed by Thy will, to be go-vern-ed by Thy will,

B. to be go-vern-ed by Thy will, to be go-vern-ed by Thy will, by Thy

88

S. to be go-vern-ed by Thy will, to be gov-ern-ed by Thy will. *molto rall.*

A. by Thy will, to be go-vern-ed by Thy will, to be go-vern-ed by Thy

T. to be go-vern-ed by Thy will.

B. will, to be, to be



94 E **Tempo I**

S. Give me

A. will. (II) Give me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give me *p con moto perpetuo molto legato*

T. (II) Give me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give *p con moto perpetuo molto legato*

B. go-vern-ed by Thy will. (II)

101 F *mf cantabile*

S. Give me on - ly Thy

A. on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give me, give ** mf cantabile*

T. me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy ** p*

B. Give me on - ly *P con moto perpetuo molto legato*



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S. love and Thy grace, _____ and I am

A. me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, and I am

T. love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy love and

B. Thy love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy

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S. rich e - nough and ask for no - thing more. _____ *mp*

A. rich e - nough _____ and ask for, and ask for

T. Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy love and Thy

B. love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy love and Thy grace, Give me on - ly Thy



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G
mp *con moto perpetuo*
molto legato

S. _____ and ask for no-thing

A. no - - - thing more, _____ and ask for no -

T. ⁸ grace, and I am rich e - nough and ask for no - thing more, _____

B. love and Thy grace, and I am rich e - nough and ask for no - thing more, _____

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S. more, and ask _____ for no-thing more, and ask for no - thing

A. thing more, and ask _____ for no - thing more, and ask for

T. _____ for no - thing more, _____

B. _____ for no - thing more, _____



138 *molto rall.*

S. more, and and ask for no - thing more.

A. no - thing more, and ask for no - thing more.

T. for no - thing more, for no - thing more.

B. for no - thing more, for no - thing more.

144 *Adagio | ad lib* *rall.*

S. A - - - - - men.

A. A - - - - - men.

T. A - - - - - men.

B. A - - - - - men.

