Goldberg - Gregorian - Agnus Dei

Goldberg Variation 21 with Agnus Dei by J.S. Bach, Latin arrangement by Ed Kotski © 2004, 2011

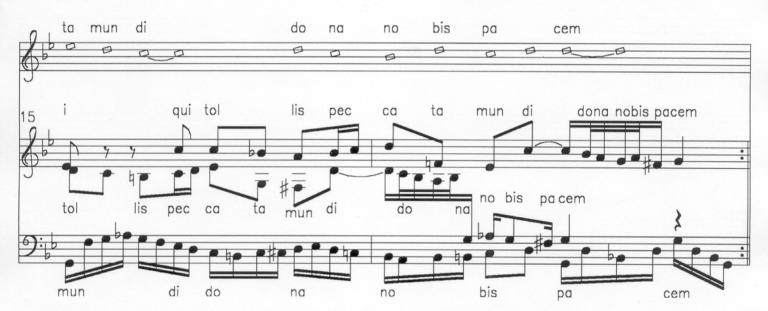






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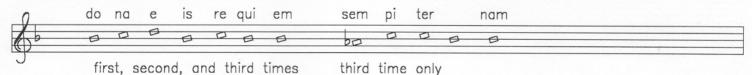


Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis (two times). Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us (two times). Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Bach might be following the form he used in the B minor Mass where the first Agnus Dei's are followed by a separate Dona Nobis Pacem. Here (not the B minor), the top line is the original Gregorian (measures 1—8) transposed two keys up and reflected about upper C (measures 9—16).

Perhaps the somewhat different form of the Agnus Dei, from the Requiem Mass, is more familiar. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem (two times). Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam (the third time).

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest (twice), grant them eternal rest (the third time).



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