

HYMN FOR SAINT BRIGID

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for SATB choir, a cappella

Duration: 5 minutes

echoes music

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Rosa Rorans

(text anon, 1391)

Rosa rorans bonitatem
Stella stillans claritatem
Birgitta, vas gratiae!
Rora coeli pietatem
Stilla vitae puritatem
In vallem miseriae.

Rose distilling goodness,
Star radiating brightness,
Brigid, vessel of loveliness
This dew of heaven created piety,
This drop of life created purity,
In our valley of misery.

Christus ductor dulcis doctor
Te dilexit, te direxit
In aetate tenera.
Tu que mitis virens vitis
Profecisti et crevisti
Florens supra sidera.

Christ the leader and gentle teacher
Delighted you and guided you
in your tender youth.
You, who began as a soft green vine,
Who grew and surged up
Until you flourished above the stars.

Mentes mundans fidem fundans
Amor cinxit et revinxit
In sancto proposito.
Tota decens tota recens
Christum amas Christum clamas
Toto vitae stadio.

From worldly thoughts to deepest faith
Love surrounded and conquered
In Holy purpose.
You became all that is seemly,
all that is fresh,
You loved Christ, you proclaimed Christ
Throughout the whole course of your life.

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Programme note.

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A Hymn for Saint Brigid was commissioned by the Fondazione Donne in Musica in Italy, for the 700th anniversary of the birth of Saint Brigid in 1302. The celebrations for Saint Brigid, the founder of the Brigidine Order, were held in Rome and the Vatican City in October 2002, in combination with a symposium focussing on the role of women as composers of sacred music.

The text is a Latin poem written in praise of Saint Brigid in 1391, not long after her death.

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Hymn for Saint Brigid

Text: Anon, 1391

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q = 100
p

Soprano
Ro - sa ro - rans bo - ni - ta - - - - - tem, -

Alto
Ro - sa ro - rans bo - ni - ta - - - - - tem, -

Tenor
q = 100

Bass

5

mp

Stel - la, stel - la stil - lans cla - ri - ta - - - - - tem, -

mp

Stel - la, stel - la stil - lans cla - ri - ta - - - - - tem, -

9 **Slower - - - - - 1 A tempo**

p Bir - git - ta **mp** vas - - - - -

p Bir - git - ta **mp** vas, - - - - - vas - - - - - gra -

p **Slower - - - - - 1 A tempo** **mp** Bir - git - ta vas - - - - -

p **mp** Bir - git - ta vas - - - - -

12 *mf* *p*

gra - - ti - ae. Ro - ra

mf *p*

- - - ti - ae Ro - ra coe - - li

p *mp*

Ro - ra coe - - li pi - e -

mp

pi - e -

15 *mp*

Stil la,

mp

Stil la, stil - la vit - ae

mp

ta - - - tem, Stil la

ta - - - tem, Stil la, stil - la vit - ae

19 *p* *mp*

pu - ri - ta - - - - - tem, In val - lem

mp

In val - lem

p *mp*

pu - ri - ta - - - - - tem, In val - lem

mp

In val -

23 *mf*

mi - - - se - - - ri - ae

mf *mf*

mi - - - se - - - ri - ae, in val - - - lem

8 *mf*

In - val - - - lem - mi -

mf

lem - - - In val - - - - - lem - - -

27 *rall.* *A tempo*

mf

Chris -

mf

Chris -

rall. *A tempo*

8 - - - se - - - ri ae, mi - se - - ri - ae.

mf

mi - - - 3 - - - se - - - ri - ae, mi - se - - ri - ae.

31

tus duc - tor, dul - - - cis doc - tor -

tus duc - tor, dul - - - cis doc - tor -

8 *mf*

duc - tor, doc - tor -

mf

dul - - - cis doc - tor -

34

Te di - rex - - - - it,
 Te di - lex - it, te di - rex it, In ae -
 In ae -
 Te di - lex - it

37

te - ne -
 - ta - te, te - ne - ra,
 - ta - te, in ae - ta te te - - - - ne - ra, te - ne -
 in ae - ta - te te - - - - ne - ra,

40

- ra te - ne - ra Tu que
 te - ne - ra Tu que mi - - - tis
 ra, Tu que mi - - - tis mi -
 Tu que mi - - - tis mi -

43

mi - tis, vir - ens vi - tis vi - tis

- tis vir - ens vi - tis vi - tis vi -

46

mp **Slightly Slower** *mp*

Pro - fe - cis - ti Flor - ens, flor -

Pro - fe - cis - ti Flor - ens

et cre - vis - ti Flor -

- tis et cre - vis - ti

49

ens Flor - ens sup - ra sid - er -

ens sup - ra sid - er -

Flor - ens sid - er -

52 *mp*

Flor - ens, flor - ens sup - ra sid - - - er - a

a Flor - - ens sup - ra sid - er - a

a, Flor - 3 - ens

a, Flor - - ens

56 **A tempo**

A tempo

p Men - tes mun - dans fi - dem fun - -

p Men - tes mun - dans fi - dem fun - -

59 *p* *mp*

p A - mor *mp* et

p A - mor cinx - - it

p dans A - mor cinx - - it *mp* et

p dans A - mor

63

re - - - - - vinx - - - - - it. In sanc - to

et re - - - - - vinx - - - - - it. In sanc to

re - - - - - vinx - - - - - it. In sanc - to

In sanc - to

p **Slower** - - - - - 1

66

A tempo

pro - - - - - po - - - - - si - to.

pro - po - - - - - si - to.

pro - - - - - po - - - - - si - to. To - ta de - - - - - cens

pro - po - - - - - si - to. To - ta de - - - - -

69

To - ta re - - - - - cens_ re - - - - - cens de - - - - - cens Christ - um

To - ta re - - - - - cens_ re - - - - - cens Christ - um

Christ - um

Chris - tum

cens_ de - - - - - cens, Chris - tum

72

a - mas Chris - tum cla - - mas

a - mas Chris - tum cla - - mas

a - mas Chris - tum cla - - mas

a - mas cla - - mas

75

-mas, cla - mas a - - mas, cla - mas vit -

a - mas, a - mas To - to vit - ae -

- mas, a - mas cla - mas vit -

clama - mas, To - to

79

- ae, vit - - - ae sta - - - di - o

sta - di - o, to -

- ae sta - di - o sta - di -

vit - - - ae sta - - - di - o

82

vit - ae sta - - di -
- to vit - ae vit - ae sta - - di -
- o to - to vit - ae sta - di - o, sta - di -
to - - to sta - di -

86

o sta - - di - o o
o, sta - di - o sta - - di - o
o sta - di - o sta - di - o.
o sta - di - o.

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