

EDITOR'S NOTE

Giacomo Antonio Perti was born in Bologna in 1661, where he spent the majority of his life until his death in 1756. In 1681 Perti was admitted as a member of the Accademia Filarmonica in Bologna, and eventually assumed the position of maestro di cappella at the Basilica of San Petronio. In addition to being a highly respected composer of opera and oratorio, Perti was also a well known teacher, chief among his students Padre Martini and Giuseppe Torelli.

Perti's **Beatus Vir** (Psalm 112) was composed ca. 1746 for SATB chorus, 2 violins, viola, cello, bass and continuo. This edition is based upon the autograph score located in the library of Museo Internazionale e Biblioteca della Musica di Bologna in Bologna, Italy (II.152). The manuscript is housed at the Conservatorio di Musica "G.B. Martini". The autograph score is laid out over eleven pages, with eight staves per page.

The present edition adheres closely to the above-mentioned source, noting editorial markings in parentheses. Voice parts, where notated in moveable clefs, were rewritten in treble clef; phrase markings in the voice parts were added where two or more notes occurred for a single syllable of text; textual underlay, generally written in only one voice part, was added to all parts.

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LATIN

1. *Beatus vir qui timet Dominum
in mandatis ejus volet nimis.*
2. *Potens in terra erit semen ejus,
generatio rectorum benedicetur.*
3. *Gloria et divitiae in domo ejus,
et justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi.*
4. *Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis,
misericors et miserator et justus.*
5. *Jucundus homo qui miseretur et
comodat, disponet sermones suos in judicio.*
6. *Quia in aeternum non commovebitur.*
7. *In memoria aeterna erit justus,
ab auditione mala non timebit.*
8. *Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino.*
9. *Confirmatum est cor ejus, non
commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.*
10. *Dispersit dedit pauperibus,
justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi.*
11. *Cornu ejus exaltabitur in Gloria.*
12. *Peccator videbit et irascetur,
dentibus suis fremet et tabescet,
desiderium peccatorum peribit.*
13. *Gloria Patri et Filio
et Spiritu Sancto.*
14. *Sicut erat in principio et nunc et
semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

ENGLISH

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who gets pleasure from his commandments.
2. His seed on earth will be powerful,
the righteous generation will be blessed.
3. Glory and wealth will be in his house, and
his justice lasts from generation to generation.
4. A light has risen in the dark for the upright,
he who is merciful, full of compassion and just.
5. Happy is the man who shows sympathy and
shares, who chooses his words with discretion.
6. For eternity he will not be troubled.
7. The just man will be remembered forever,
he will not fear from hearing evil.
8. His heart is prepared to hope in the Lord.
9. His heart is made strong, he will not be
shaken when he looks down on his enemies.
10. He disperses and gives to the poor,
his justice lasts from generation to generation.
11. His horn will be exalted with glory.
12. The wicked will see and will be angered,
he will gnash with his teeth and waste away,
the desire of the wicked will perish.
13. Glory to the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit.
14. As it was in the beginning, is now and
always will be for all generations. Amen.