



MASS IN C MINOR

Soli, Mixed Chorus, Orchestra and Organ

The Music Composed
by

Arthur Somervell

(1889)

HORN 1

The “renaissance” in English music is generally agreed to have started in the late Victorian period, beginning roughly in 1880. Public demand for major works in support of the annual choral festivals held throughout England at that time was considerable which led to the creation of many large scale works for orchestra with soloists and chorus.

Although a number of those works were engraved, printed and are regularly performed today, performance scores for a considerable number of compositions, both large-scale and more intimate works, are not available. These works were either never engraved or were engraved and printed but are no longer available in the publishers’ catalogues. While the existence of these works is documented in biographies of the composers, the ability to study and, most importantly, to perform these compositions is not possible.

Changes in the International copyright laws, coupled with changing musical tastes, played a pivotal role in creating this void. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. In 1964, holograph and copyist scores from both Novello and from publishers it represented were offered to the British Library and the Royal College of Music Library (see The RCM Novello Library – The Musical Times, Feb. 1983 by Jeremy Dibble).

These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of engraved vocal scores, widely available through various online library sources, are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

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TO
 MY TWO ENGLISH MASTERS
PROFESSOR C. VILLIERS STANFORD
 AND
DR. C. HUBERT H. PARRY
 THIS MASS IS GRATEFULLY
 DEDICATED BY
 THEIR PUPIL
 APRIL 30, 1883

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Somervell - Mass in C minor - Horn 1 in E \flat

No. 1 - Kyrie Eleison

Adagio

The musical score for Horn 1 in E-flat, No. 1 - Kyrie Eleison, is written in 4/4 time and consists of 50 measures. The tempo is marked **Adagio**. The score includes various dynamics and articulations:

- Measures 1-7: *pp* (pianissimo), starting with a whole rest in measure 1.
- Measures 6-7: A double bar line with a '2' above it, indicating a second ending.
- Measure 12: A double bar line with a '7' above it, indicating a seventh ending.
- Measures 15-21: *p* (piano), with a slur over measures 15-21.
- Measures 23-30: *f* (forte), with a box labeled 'A' above measure 23 and a slur over measures 23-30.
- Measures 32-37: *f* (forte) and *ff* (fortissimo), with a slur over measures 32-37.
- Measures 37-42: *f* (forte), with a box labeled 'B' above measure 37 and slurs over measures 37-40 and 41-42.
- Measures 45-50: *ppp* (pianississimo), with a slur over measures 45-50.

Mass in C minor - No. 2: Gloria - Horn 1 in C

167 *molto rall.* **Tempo I.**

pp *mf* *mf*

175 *f* *ff*

183 **J** **32** **K**
189-220

222 Clarinet 1 *f* **3** *f*
227-229

6 **L** **7**
232-237 *p* *f*
242-248

251 **4** *f* *ff*
252-255

262 *accel.* **M** *Più mosso.* *mf*

270

278

Mass in C minor - No. 2: Gloria - Horn 1 in C

286

294

302

309 *ff*

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No. 3 - Credo

Allegro

ad lib

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, C major key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 1-7. Dynamics: *p*, *mf*, *f*.

Musical staff 2: Treble clef, C major key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 8-15. Dynamics: *f*, *p*.

Musical staff 3: Treble clef, C major key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 16-25. Dynamics: *mf*, *mf*.

Musical staff 4: Treble clef, C major key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 26-33. Dynamics: *ff*.

Musical staff 5: Treble clef, C major key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 34-45. Dynamics: *f*.

Musical staff 6: Treble clef, C major key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 46-55. Dynamics: *p*, *dolce*.

Musical staff 7: Treble clef, C major key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 58-63. Dynamics: *pp*, **Adagio**.

Musical staff 8: Treble clef, C major key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 64-67.

Mass in C minor - No. 3: Credo - Horn 3 in E \flat

Musical staff 9: Treble clef, C minor key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 77-85. Dynamics: *pp*.

Musical staff 10: Treble clef, C minor key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 89-101. Dynamics: *pp*.

Musical staff 11: Treble clef, C minor key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 104-135. Dynamics: *ff*, **Allegro**.

Musical staff 12: Treble clef, C minor key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 137-146. Dynamics: *ff*.

Musical staff 13: Treble clef, C minor key signature, 4/4 time. Measures 145-146. Dynamics: *f*.

Musical staff 14: Treble clef, C minor key signature, 3/4 time. Measures 154-168. Dynamics: *f*, *Poco meno mosso*.

Mass in C minor - No. 3: Credo - Horn 3 in E \flat

169 S

180

190

199 T **6** **3**
202-207 *ff* 210-212

213 *rall.* *ff*

Somervell - Mass in C minor - Horn 1 in E \flat

No. 4 - Sanctus

Maestoso

pp *mf*

9 *f* *ff* U

18 *p*

28 V **4**
29-32 *mf* *f*

39 *rall.* **Tempo I.** *ff*

46 *p*

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No. 5 - Benedictus

Adagio

10
1-10 *pp* < > 11
14-24 *p*

26 *rall.* **W** *Più mosso.* *pp* < > *f*

34

40 *rall.* **Tempo I.** *p*

48 *pp* < >

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No. 6 - Agnus Dei

Andante sostenuto.

7
1-7 *p* 2
16-17

X 2
18-19 *p* 6
24-29

Y 6
37-42 *p* 4
45-48 **Z**

50

AA 61

BB 7
76-82 2
83-84 *p*

88 5
89-93 **CC** *a tempo* *p*

101 *rall.* **Muta in C** **Adagio** **DD**
5 6
107-111 112-117

Mass in C minor - No. 6: Agnus Dei - Horn in E \flat

118 *p*

120-121

EE **FF**

6

124-129 *p* *f*

134

p *pp*



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