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Vocal score

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Composer's note

A Little Jazz Mass was originally written for upper voices and was first performed at the 2004 Crescent City Choral Festival, New Orleans, in June of that year.

I have always loved jazz. At the beginning of my writing career I worked from time to time as an arranger for the now defunct BBC Radio Orchestra and, while a member of the King's Singers, I was lucky enough to perform with such artists as George Shearing, Richard Rodney Bennett, John Dankworth, Art Farmer, and the WDR Big Band. These experiences and influences have all had an impact on the music that I compose.

In this mass setting I have written a piano part which may be played exactly as written. However, I would encourage the pianist to improvise freely on the chord structure, and would also encourage the addition of bass and drums and any other instruments that may be appropriate for the performance.

I am grateful to Cheryl Dupont, the conductor of the New Orleans Children's Chorus, for enabling this work to come to life in such a great jazz city, and to all the children in the Crescent City Choral Festival Choir 2004, who gave it such a great start. I am also grateful to Neil Richardson, a wonderful musician who, more than twenty years ago, gave me my first opportunity as a professional arranger at the BBC.

A notated bass part, with chord symbols, is available to purchase from the publisher (ISBN 978-0-19-335655-9).

The original version of this piece for upper voices (SSA) is also available to purchase (ISBN 978-0-19-343328-1).

Duration: c.12 minutes

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1. Kyrie

Easy tempo ♩ = c.112

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Easy tempo ♩ = c.112

PIANO*

4

A.

T.

B.

Ky - ri - e,

Ky - ri - e,

Ky - ri - e,

*The piano part can be played as written or used as a guide. Bass and drum kit can join ad lib.

7 *mp*

S. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

A. e - lei - son, *mp* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

T. e - lei - son, *mp* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

B. e - lei - son, *mp* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,



The piano accompaniment for measures 7-9 features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains chords and moving lines, with a fermata over a chord in measure 8. The bass staff provides a harmonic foundation with eighth and quarter notes.

10 *cresc.*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - *cresc.*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - *cresc.*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - *cresc.*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - *cresc.*



The piano accompaniment for measures 10-12 continues with the same key signature and time signature. It features more complex chordal textures and moving lines in both the treble and bass staves, with a fermata in measure 11.

13

S. A.

- e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e -

T. B.

cresc. *f*

16

- le - i - son, Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,

19

mf

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

mf

mf

22

S.1 *mp*
- son.

S.2 *mp*
- son. Ky - ri - e,

A. *mp* *p*
- son. Ky - ri - e,

T. *mp* *p*
- son. Ky - ri - e,

B.

mp

25 *mp*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e

28

- e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -

31 *cresc.*

- le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste,

cresc.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste,

cresc.

- lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste,

cresc.

- lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste,

cresc.

34 *f*

S. A. Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e -

T. B. *f*

f

37

- le - i - son, Ky - ri - e,

mf

40

S. *mp*
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e,

A. *mp*
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e,

T. *mp*
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e,

B. *mp*
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e,

mp

44

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri -

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri -

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri -

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri -

poco rit.

47

f *p*
e - le - i - son.

f *p*
e - le - i - son.

f *p*
e - le - i - son.

f *p*
e - le - i - son.

f *p*
e - le - i - son.

poco rit.

f *p*

attacca

2. Gloria

50 Quick 4 with swing $\text{♩} = c.208$

Piano accompaniment for measures 50-53. The right hand features chords and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note bass line. A forte (f) dynamic marking is present at the beginning.

Vocal and piano accompaniment for measures 54-57. The vocal parts (Soprano and Alto in the top system, Tenor and Bass in the bottom system) sing the lyrics "Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, glo - ri - a!". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth notes. A forte (f) dynamic marking is present at the beginning of the vocal entry.

Piano accompaniment for measures 58-61. The right hand features chords and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note bass line.

Vocal and piano accompaniment for measures 62-65. The vocal parts continue with the lyrics "Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, glo - ri - a!". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth notes.

Piano accompaniment for measures 66-69. The right hand features chords and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note bass line.

62 Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus

oo bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis, —

66 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a!

71 *S. & A. unis. f*

ah

T. & B. unis. f

Lau - da - mus_ te, — be - ne - di - ci - mus te, a - do -

76

- ra - mus_ te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus_ te. —

80

S. A. Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi

oo prop - ter magn - am glo - ri - am

T. B.

84

tu - am. *ff* Glo - ri - a! **Slow feel** ♩ = c.76

ff

Slow feel ♩ = c.76

mp

89 *mp espress.*

S. Do - mi - ne De - us, Rex cae - le - stis, De - us Pa - ter om - ni - po -

A. *p* Do - mi - ne De - us, *mp* De - us Pa - ter om - ni - po -

T. *p* Do - mi - ne De - us, *mp* De - us Pa - ter om - ni - po -

B. *p* Do - mi - ne De - us, *mp* De - us Pa - ter om - ni - po -

92

- tens. Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te. Je - su

- tens. *p* Do - mi - ne Fi - li, *mp* Je - su

- tens. *p* Do - mi - ne Fi - li, Fi - li, *mp* Je - su

- tens. *p* Do - mi - ne Fi - li, Fi - li, *mp* Je - su

95

Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste. Do - mi - ne De - us, A - gnus

Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.

Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.

Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.

98

De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris. Qui

Qui

Qui

Qui

101

S. A.

tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, _____ mi - se - re - re, mi - se -

T. B.

104

- re - re no - bis. Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, _____

107 *cresc.* *f*

sus - ci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - stram. Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa -

cresc. *f*

cresc. *f*

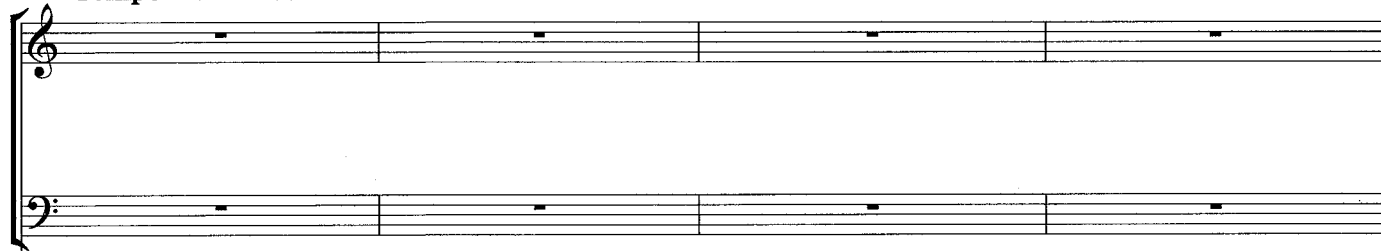
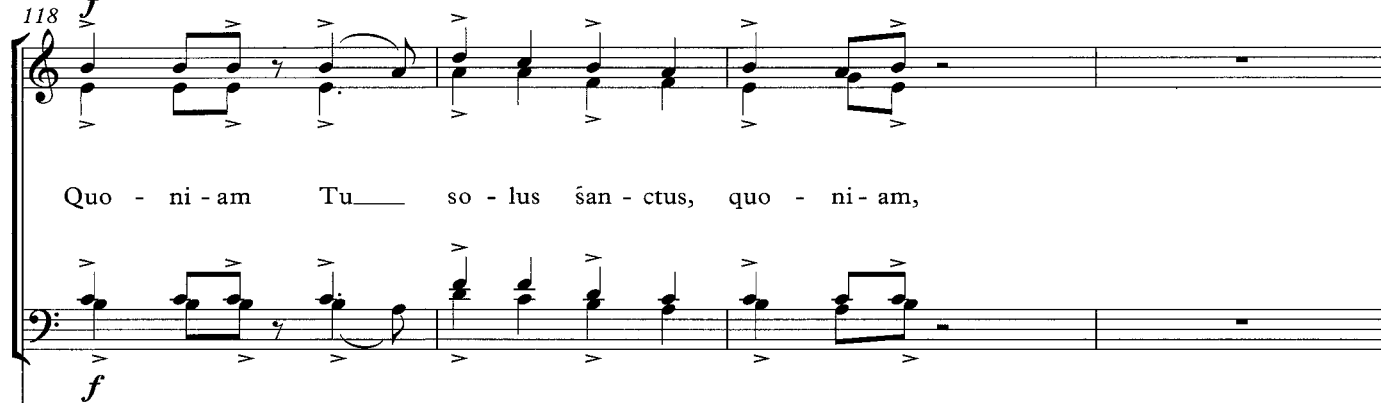
110 *ff*

- tris, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

ff

ff *sub. f*

(pick up in new tempo)

114 **Tempo I** ♩ = c.208**Tempo I** ♩ = c.208118 *f*

122

Quo - ni - am Tu so - lus san - ctus, quo - ni - am.

Tu so - lus, so - lus Do - mi - nus,

126

oo. Tu so - lus al - tis - si - mus,

130

ff

Je - su Chri - ste, Je - su Chri - ste.

ff

134

Cum San - cto, San - cto Spi - ri - tu in

Je - su Chri - ste. oo

138

glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - men, a - men.

fff

fff

3. Sanctus

142 Gentle and rocking ♩ = c.76

p sost.

146 *p espress.*

S. A. San - ctus, San - ctus Do - mi - nus, San - ctus,

T. B. *p espress.*

150

Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.

154

mf Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra, *cresc.* ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a

mf *cresc.*

158 *f dim.* *poco rit.* *p* *a tempo*

tu - a. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in ex -

f dim. *p*

poco rit. *a tempo*

f dim. *p*

162 *pp*

- cel - sis. Ho - san - na,

pp

pp

165

rit.

— ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

rit.

attacca

4. Benedictus

169

Easy tempo ♩ = c.108

mp

173

mp

s. Be - ne - dic - tus, be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in

177

S. *no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.*

T. *TENOR mp*
Be - ne -

The musical score for measures 177-180 features a Soprano (S.) and Tenor (T.) vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The Soprano part begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are 'no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.' The Tenor part begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are 'Be - ne -'. The piano accompaniment is written for the left and right hands in a grand staff, with a key signature of three flats. The tempo/mood is marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano).

180

mp
Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in

- dic - tus, be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in

The musical score for measures 180-183 continues the vocal and piano parts. The Soprano part has lyrics 'Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in'. The Tenor part has lyrics '- dic - tus, be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in'. The piano accompaniment continues in the lower staves. The tempo/mood is marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano).

183

S. *mf*
no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. Be - ne -

A. *mf*
Be - ne - dic - tus,

T. *mf*
no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni.

186

- dic - tus, be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in

be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit, qui ve - nit

mf
Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in

189

S. *f*
no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni, no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. Ho - san - na in ex -

A. *f*
in no - mi - ne, no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. Ho - san - na in ex -

T. *f*
no - mi - ne, in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. Ho - san - na in ex -

B. *f*
Ho - san - na in ex -



192

S. *ff*
- cel - sis, Ho - san - na, ho -

A. *ff*
- cel - sis, Ho - san - na, ho -

T. *ff*
- cel - sis, Ho - san - na, ho -

B. *ff*
- cel - sis, Ho - san - na, ho -



195

- san - na in ex - cel - sis, in ex - cel - sis.

ff

attacca

for Richard and Catherine Webber

5. Agnus Dei

199 **Bluesy feel** ♩ = c.63

p

3

203 *mp espress.*

A - gnus De - i, A - gnus De - i, qui

mp

*If playing this movement with bass, the first four bars should be played as a piano solo, with the bass entering at bar 203.

207 *cresc.*

tol - lis pec - ca - ta, pec - ca - ta mun -

cresc.

210

S. *mp*

- di, mun - di, *3* mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re no -

A. *p*

mi - se - re - re

T. *p*

mi - se - re - re

B. *p*

mi - se - re - re

mp

213 *cresc.* *f*

- bis, ³ mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re no - bis,

cresc. *f*

no - bis, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re no - bis,

cresc. *f*

no - bis, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re no - bis,

cresc. *f*

no - bis, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re no - bis,

cresc. *f*

no - bis, mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re no - bis,

216 *mp*

mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re ³ re:—

mp

mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re ³ re:—

mp

mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re ³ re:—

mp

mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re ³ re:—

mp

mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re ³ re:—

219

p

223

mf espress.

S. A - gnus, A - gnus De - i, A - gnus,

mf espress.

A. A - gnus De - i, A - gnus De -

226

cresc.

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca -

cresc.

- i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta, pec -

cresc.

*If playing with bass, omit the piano left hand in bars 219–222 to allow a bass solo. The left hand re-enters at bar 223.

229

S. *mp* *3* ta, pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re, mi - se - re - re

A. *mp* *3* - ca - ta mun - di, mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis,

T. *mp* Mi - se -

B. *mp* Mi - se -

232

cresc. no - bis, mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re,

cresc. mi - se - re - re no - bis, *3* mi - se - re - re,

cresc. - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re,

cresc. - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re,

cresc.

238

235

241 *cresc.*

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mun - di,

cresc.

tol - lis, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,

cresc.

tol - lis, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, pec - ca - ta mun - di,

cresc.

tol - lis, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,

244 *f*

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa -

f

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa -

f

Do - na no - bis, do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa -

f

Do - na no - bis, do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa -

247

S. A.

- cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem,

T. B.

ff

ff



251

mp

rit.

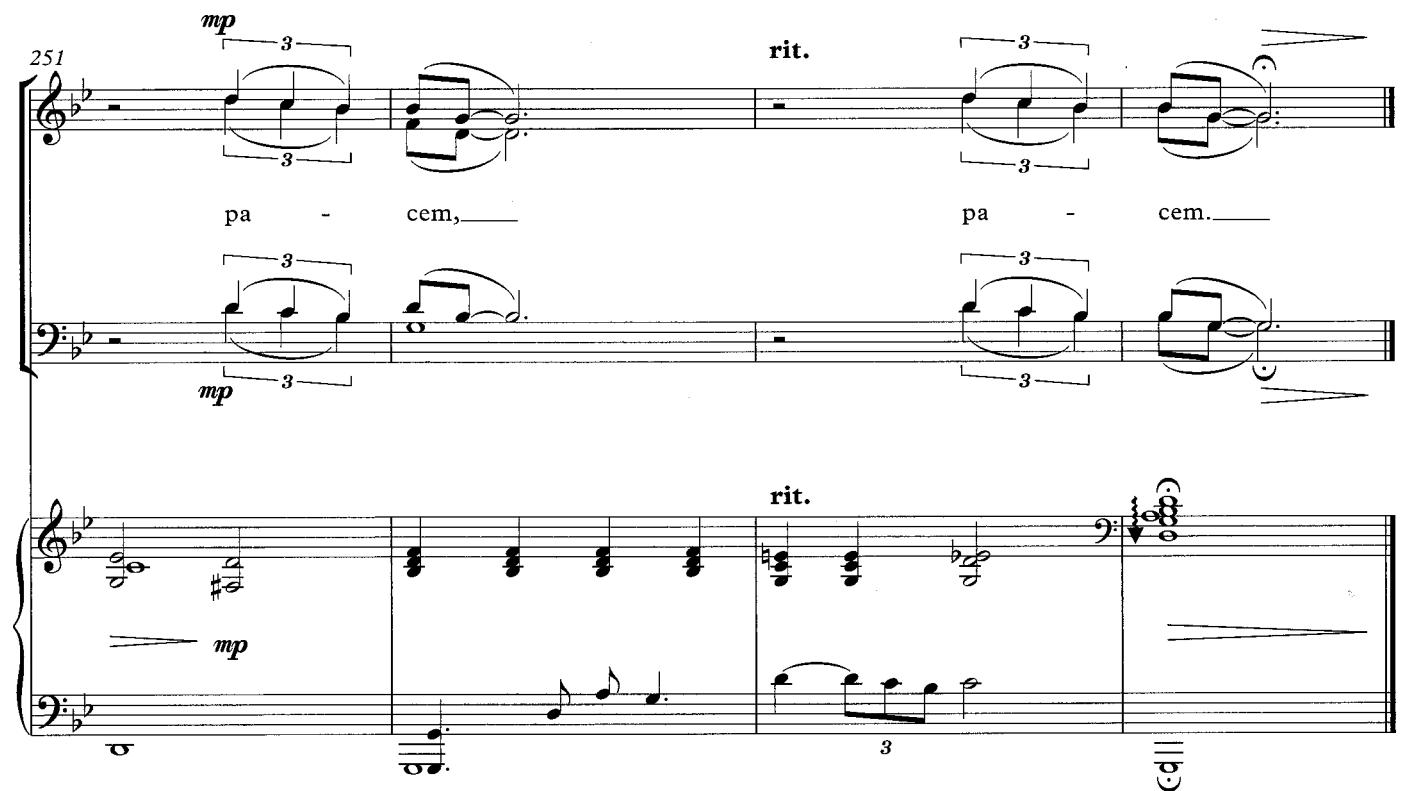
pa - cem, pa - cem.

mp

mp

rit.

3



Bob Chilcott's jazz influences come to the fore in this highly effective concert setting of the Latin *Missa brevis*, originally written for upper voices. The five movements embrace a variety of jazz styles. The Kyrie has real groove, the Gloria swings, the Sanctus sits right back, the Benedictus hums along, and the Agnus Dei draws inspiration from the Blues. The voices are underpinned by a characterful piano accompaniment which can be played as written or serve as a guide. Alternatively, the songs can be performed with live jazz-trio accompaniment using the part available for the bassist (the drummer should play along *ad lib.*) or with the fantastic backing CD. This is gorgeous, soulful music in an utterly original setting.

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