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O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

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O how great the mystery, and how ineffable the covenant, that simple beasts behold the Christ-Child, as a babe new-born, and lying in a manger stall. O blessed Virgin, hallow'd is thy womb that it could hold the flesh and blood of Christ our Lord.

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in præsepio. Beata virgo cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.

Calmo e dolce ♩ = 50

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Piano
(for rehearsal only.)

Sal. 12

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① *ppp dolce, legatiss.*

O ma - gnum mys - te - ri - um, et
O how great the mys - te - ry, and

ppp appena articolato

mys - te - ri - um, mys -
O the mys - te - ry, the

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O the mys - te - ry, the

ppp appena articolato

- ra - bi - le sa - cra - men - tum
- ef - fa - ble is the cov - e - nant

O ma - gnum mys -
O how great the

ad - mi - ra - bi - le
how in - ef - fa - ble

sa - cra - men - tum,
is the cov - enant,

ut that a - ni - ma - li -
sim - ple beasts be -

mf

- te - ri - um
mys - te - ry,

ma - gnum,
how great,

a - ma - li -
that beasts be -

mf

- te - ri - um
mys - te - ry,

sa - cra - men - tum,
of the cov - enant,

a - ni - ma - li -
that the beasts be -

mf

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mys - te - ry,

ma - gnum,
how great,

a - ma - li -
that beasts be -

- a vi - de - rent
hold the Christ-Child

Do - minum na - tum — ja - cen - tem in prae -
as a babe new-born — and ly - ing in a

- a vi - de - rent
hold the Christ-Child

Do - minum na - tum — ja - cen - tem in prae -
as a babe new-born — and ly - ing in a

- a vi - de - rent
hold the Christ-Child

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as a babe new-born — and ly - ing in a

- a vi - de - rent
hold the Christ-Child

Do - minum na - tum — ja - cen - tem in prae -
as a babe new-born — and ly - ing in a

- se - pi - o.
man - ger stall.

O ma - gnum mys - te - ri - um, — et ad - mi - ra - bi - le
O how great the mys - te - ry, — and how in - ef - fa - ble

- se - pi - o.
man - ger stall.

Mys - te - ri - um, — mys - te - ri - um,
O the mys - te - ry, — the mys - te - ry,

- se - pi - o.
man - ger stall.

Mys - te - ri - um, mys - te - ri - um,
O the mys - te - ry, the mys - te - ry,

- se - pi - o.
man - ger stall.

O ma - gnum — mys - te - ri - um,
O how great — the mys - te - ry,

mf

sa - cra - men - tum, ut a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent
is the cov - e - nant, that sim - ple beasts be - hold the Christ - Child

mf

sa - cra - men - tum, a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent
of the cov - e - nant, that beasts should be - hold the Christ - Child

mf

sa - cra - men - tum, a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent
of the cov - e - nant, that beasts should be - hold the Christ - Child

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sa - cra - men - tum, a - ni - ma - li - a vi - de - rent
of the cov - e - nant, that beasts should be - hold the Christ - Child

p ④ *f* *molto p*

Do - mi - num na - tum — ja - cen - tem in prae - se - pi - o. —
as a babe new-born — and ly - ing in a man - ger stall. —

p *f* *molto p*

Do - mi - num na - tum — ja - cen - tem in prae - se - pi - o. —
as a babe new-born — and ly - ing in a man - ger stall. —

p *f* *molto p* *mf*

Do - mi - num na - tum — ja - cen - tem prae - se - pi - o. — Be -
as a babe new-born — and ly - ing in a man - ger. — The

p *f* *molto p* *mf*

Do - mi - num na - tum — ja - cen - tem prae - se - pi - o. — Be -
as a babe new-born — and ly - ing in a man - ger. — The

④

p *dolcissimo*
lips closed

mf
Por - The

- a - ta vir - go
bles - sed vir - gin

cu - jus vis - ce - ra me - ru - e - runt
hal-low'd is thy womb that it could hold

a - ta vir - go
bles - sed vir - gin

Be - a - ta vir - go
o bles - sed vir - gin

pp
lips closed

p
Be - a - ta
O bles - sed

- ta - re Do - mi - num Chris - tum .
flesh and blood of Christ our Lord .

p
Be - a - ta
O bles - sed

pp
lips closed

p
Be - a - ta
O bles - sed

pp
lips closed

⑤ *ppp dolce, legatiss.*

mf vir - go. — mys - te - ri - um, — et
 vir - gin. — O how great the mys - te - ry, — and

ppp appena articolato

mf vir - go. — mys - te - ri - um, — sa -
 vir - gin. — O the mys - te - ry, — the

ppp appena articolato

mf vir - go. — mys - te - ri - um, — sa -
 vir - gin. — O the mys - te - ry, — the

ppp appena articolato

vir - go. — mys - te - ri - um, — sa -
 vir - gin. — O the mys - te - ry, — the

⑤

mf ad - mi - ra - bi - le sa - cra - men - tum, ut a - ni - ma - li -
 how in - ef - fa - ble is the cov - e - nant, that sim - ple beasts be -

mf

- cra - men - tum ma - gnum, a - ma - li -
 cov - e - nant how great, that beasts be -

mf

- cra - men - tum ma - gnum, a - ni - ma - li -
 cov - e - nant how great, that the beasts be -

mf

- cra - men - tum ma - gnum, a - ma - li -
 cov - e - nant how great, that beasts be -

a *vi-de-rent*
hold the Christ-Child

Do-mi-num na-tum
as a babe new-born

ja-cen-tem,
and ly-ing,

a *vi-de-rent*
hold the Christ-Child

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ja-cen-tem,
and ly-ing,

ja - cen - tem, ja - cen - tem in prae - se - pi - o.
 and ly - ing, and ly - ing in a man - ger stall.

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 and ly - ing, and ly - ing in man - ger stall.

ja - cen - tem, ja - cen - tem in prae - se - pi - o.
 and ly - ing, and ly - ing in a man - ger stall.

ja - cen - tem, ja - cen - tem prae - se - pi - o.
 and ly - ing, and ly - ing in man - ger stall.