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# The Great Venetian Mass

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A puzzling paradox: although Vivaldi devoted over 30 years to composing for the Ospedale della Pietà in Venice, no complete musical setting of any liturgy by him has come down to us. By intercalating existing examples of his sacred music (such as the famous *Gloria*) and other works given a different text to suit their new liturgical function (*Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei*), the ensemble Les Arts Florissants now offers us a compelling reconstruction of a solemn Mass which the "Red-Haired Priest" might have written... for just such an assembly of exceptional soloists!



## Artists

- Les Arts Florissants
- Antonio Vivaldi
- Paul Agnew  
Conductor
- Sophie Karthäuser  
Soprano
- Lucile Richardot  
Mezzo-soprano
- Renata Pokupić  
Mezzo-soprano

## Composers

## Contents

### I. Kyrie eleison RV 587

- Coro. *Kyrie eleison* (3'33)
- Coro. *Christe eleison* (2'27)
- Coro. *Kyrie eleison* (2'09)

### II. Introduzione al Gloria: Motet *Ostro picta, armata spina* RV 642

- Aria. *Ostro picta, armata spina* (3'01)
- Recitativo. *Sic transit vana et brevis gloria mundi* (1'05)
- Aria. *Linguis favete, omnes silete* (3'35)

### III. Gloria RV 589

- Coro. *Gloria in excelsis Deo* (2'14)
- Coro. *Et in terra pax hominibus* (5'32)
- Duetto. *Laudamus te, benedicimus te* (2'20)
- Coro. *Gratias agimus tibi* (1'07)
- Aria. *Domine Deus, Rex cælestis* (3'35)
- Coro. *Domine fili unigenite* (2'16)
- Accompagnato e Coro. *Domine Deus, Agnus Dei* (4'15)
- Coro. *Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem* (0'51)

- Aria. *Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris* (2'17)
- Coro. *Quoniam tu solus sanctus* (3'26)

**IV. Credo** RV 591

- Coro. *Credo in unum Deum* (2'02)
- Coro. *Et incarnatus est* (1'18)
- Coro. *Crucifixus etiam pro nobis* (3'16)
- Coro. *Et resurrexit tertia die* (2'47)

**V. Sanctus**

*contrafactum of Beatus Vir* RV 597/1 et le *Dixit Dominus* RV 807/7

- Coro. *Sanctus Dominus, Deus Sabaoth* (1'42)
- Coro. *Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua* (1'10)
- Coro. *Osanna in excelsis* (0'55)

**VI. Benedictus**

*contrafactum of Dixit Dominus* RV 807/8

- Aria. *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini* (4'39)
- Coro. *Hosanna in excelsis* (0'58)

**VII. Agnus Dei**

***contrafactum of Magnificat* RV 610/1 et 8 et le *Kyrie* RV 587 Coro. *Agnus Dei*** (5'22)