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for Zoe and Susan Montgomery, Dr. Nicole Baker and the St. Mary of Tours Choir, Brentwood, CA

## O Sacrum Convivium

SATBB, Organ

St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225–1274

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Sw. Celestes, trem.  
Ch. solo reed, trem.  
Ped. soft 16', Sw. to Ped.

*Gently, espressivo* (♩ = ca. 84)

Organ

Ch. *sempre legato*  
*p* *poco*

Sw.

5 *mp* \*

O sa - crum con - ví - vi - um, in quo

*p*

\*Opening section through measure 19 may be sung by soprano section or treble soloist.

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Chri - stus sú - mi - tur: re - có - li - tur me -

15

mó - ri - a pas - - ó - nis e - jus;

+ Vox Humana

+ 32'

**Soprano** *mp rit.* *a tempo mf* Mens

**Alto** O mens im - plé - tur gí - ti - a et fu - tú - rae

**Tenor**

**Bass** *mp rit.* *a tempo mf*

*mp rit.* *a tempo mf*

- Vox Humana  
- 32' ped.

25

gló - ri - ae no - bis pi - gnus da - tur.

*Rubato espressivo*

30

S

A

A

T

A

B

A

*Rubato espressivo*

\*If the piece is sung by a soloist, choose either soprano line.

35

men. \_\_\_\_\_

men. \_\_\_\_\_

men. \_\_\_\_\_

men. \_\_\_\_\_

+ 32'

## Composer Notes

“O Sacrum Convivium” was conceived to be a versatile piece. It may be performed by choir, by a soprano or mezzo soloist, or by a soloist with choral accompaniment. Its “one size fits all” structure makes it very useful for those Sundays when the choral director thinks, “I’m not sure who’s going to be here.”

St. Thomas Aquinas’ text is the focus of the work. The music should float, and should magnify the mystery of the Eucharistic miracle.

—Robert W. Parker

### Translation:

*O sacrum convivium!  
in quo Christus sumitur:  
recolitur memoria passionis ejus:  
mens impletur gratia:  
et futurae gloriae  
nobis pignus datur.  
Amen.*

O sacred banquet!  
in which Christ is received,  
the memory of his Passion is renewed,  
the mind is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory  
to us is given.  
Amen.