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Preview



for Justin Glyn, SJ, on his ordination to the priesthood

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St. Thomas More, 1478–1535

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Moderato ed espressivo (♩ = ca. 60)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard

f *mf*

Glo - rious God, _____ give me grace to a-mend my

Glo - rious God, _____ give me grace to a-mend my

Glo - rious God, _____ give me grace to a-mend my

Glo - rious God, _____ give me grace to a-mend my

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f

life, and to have an eye to my end with-out be-grudg-ing

f

life, and to have an eye to my end with-out be-grudg-ing

f

life, and to have an eye to my end — with-out be-grudg-ing

f

life, and to have an eye to my end — with-out be-grudg-ing

7

mf *poco rit.*

death, which to those who die in you, good Lord, is the gate of a wealth-y

mf *poco rit.*

death, which to those who die in you, good Lord, is the gate of a wealth-y

mf *poco rit.*

death, which to those who die in you, good Lord, is the gate of a wealth-y

mf *poco rit.*

death, — which to those who die in you, good Lord, is the gate — of a wealth-y

10 *a tempo* *mf*

life. And give me, good —

a tempo *mf*

life. And give me, good _____ Lord, _____ a

a tempo *mf*

life. And give me, good —

a tempo *mf*

life. And give me, good _____ Lord, _____ a

13 *mp*

Lord, a low - ly, peace-a - ble, pa - tient, char - i - ta - ble,

mp

hum - ble, low - ly, qui - et, peace-a - ble, pa - tient, char - i - ta - ble,

mp

Lord, a low - ly, peace-a - ble, pa - tient, char - i - ta - ble,

mp

hum - ble, low - ly, peace-a - ble, pa - tient, char - i - ta - ble,

16 *p*

kind, ten - der and pit - i - ful mind, in all my

kind, ten - der and pit - i - ful mind, in all my

kind, ten - der and pit - i - ful mind, in all my

kind, ten - der and pit - i - ful mind, in all my

19 *mp* *cresc.*

works and all my words and all my thoughts, to have a

works and all my words and all my thoughts, to have a

works and all my words and all my thoughts, to have a

works and all my words and all my thoughts, to have a

22 *f* *poco rit.*

taste of your ho - ly, bless - ed Spir - it.

taste of your ho - ly, bless - ed Spir - it.

taste of your ho - ly, bless - ed Spir - it.

taste of your ho - ly, bless - ed Spir - it.

25 *a tempo* *mf*

A full — faith, a

A full — faith, — a

a tempo *mf* Give — me, good — Lord, — a full —

a tempo *mf* Give — me, good — Lord, — a full faith, a

28

firm—hope, and a fer-vent char-i-ty, a love of you in -

firm—hope, and a fer-vent char-i-ty, a love of you a -

faith, a firm—hope, a char-i-ty, a love of you a -

firm—hope, a char-i-ty, a love of you in -

32

com - p'ra - bly a - bove the love of my - self.

bove the love of my - self.

bove the love of my - self,

com - p'ra - bly a - bove the love of my - self.

34

mp Give me, good Lord, _____ good

mf Give me, good Lord, a long-ing to be with you,

mf _____ a long-ing to be with you, not to a -

mf Give me, good Lord, a long-ing to be with you,

37

mf Lord, _____ nor so much _____ to at-tain heav'n's

not to a-void the ca - lam-i-ties of this world, nor so much to at-tain the

void _____ the ca - lam-i-ties of this world, nor so much to at-tain the

not to a-void the ca - lam-i-ties of this world, nor so much to at-tain the

40

joys, _____ as sim - ply for love of you. _____

joys of heav'n, as sim - ply for love of you. _____

joys of heav'n, _____ as sim - ply for love _____ of you. _____

joys of heav'n, as sim - ply for love of you. _____

43

And give me, good Lord, your love and

And give me, good Lord, your love and

And give me, good Lord, your love and

And give me, good Lord, your

46

fa - vour, which my love of you, how - ev - er

fa - vour, which my love of you, how - ev - er

fa - vour, — which my love of you, how - ev - er

love and fa - vour, — which my love of you, — how - ev - er

49 *mp*

mp great it may be, could not de-serve were it not — for your great

mp great it may be, could not de-serve — were it not — for your great

mp great it may be, — could not de-serve were it not — for your great

mp great — it may be, — could not de-serve — were it not — for your great

52 *pp*

good - ness. These things, good Lord, that I pray for,

pp

good - ness. These things, good Lord, that I pray for,

pp

good - ness. These things, good Lord, that I pray for,

pp

good - ness. These things, good Lord, that I pray for,

56

give me your grace to la - bour for.

give me your grace to la - bour for.

give me your grace to la - bour for. These things, good

give me your grace to la - bour for. These things, good

59 *mf* *mp*

These things, good Lord, that I pray for, give me your

These things, good Lord, that I pray for, give me your

Lord, good Lord, that I pray for, give me your

Lord, good Lord, that I pray for, give me your

63 *rit.* *pp*

grace to la - bour for.

grace to la - bour for.

grace to la - bour for.

grace to la - bour for.