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O Ignis Spiritus

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**O Ignis Spiritus (September 2019)**

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Duration c.4'30"

*O Ignis Spiritus* was commissioned by Tony Sanderson for the Choir of New College, Oxford. It was first performed at a service to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the matriculation of women students at New College on Sunday 27th October 2019, sung by New College Choir and Frideswide Voices, under the direction of Robert Quinney.

Second edition with small notational revisions – 26th May 2022.

# O Ignis Spiritus

- 1a. O ignis Spiritus paracliti,  
vita vite omnis creature,  
sanctus es vivificando formas.
- 1b. Sanctus es ungendo periculose  
fractos, sanctus es tergendo  
fetida vulnera.
- 2a. O spiraculum sanctitatis,  
o ignis caritatis,  
o dulcis gustus in pectoribus  
et infusio cordium in bono odore virtutum.
- 2b. O fons purissime,  
in quo consideratur  
quod Deus alienos  
colligit et perditos requirit.
- 5a. Tu etiam semper educis doctos  
per inspirationem Sapientie  
letificatos.
- 5b. Unde laus tibi sit, qui es sonus laudis  
et gaudium vite, spes et honor fortissimus,  
dans premia lucis.
1. *O fire of the spirit  
the life force of all creation  
holy are you,  
enlivening all things.*
- You are holy,  
you anoint the broken in their peril,  
You are holy,  
you wash clean our weeping wounds.*
2. *O holy breath, O fire of life,  
O taste of sweetness in our breast,  
stream of goodness  
infused with the scent of virtue.*
- O pure fountain,  
in which is reflected the truth  
that God gathers the lapsed  
and seeks out the lost.*
5. *Eternally you guide the learnèd,  
as they rejoice in wisdom's inspiration.*
- All praise to you,  
you who are the song of praise,  
and the joy of life,  
the strongest hope and splendour  
bestowing the gift of Light.*

*Text and opening verse of music is taken from a sequence  
by Hildegard of Bingen 1098-1179*

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Hildegard of Bingen  
(1098–1179)

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*J = 136*

SOPRANO      *mp legato*      O ig - nis Spi - ri - tus

ALTO      *mp legato*      O ig - nis Spi - ri - tus

TENOR      *mp legato*      O ig - nis Spi - ri - tus

BASS      *mp legato*      O ig - nis Spi - ri - tus

*J = 136*

ORGAN      *mp*

*mf*

pa - ra - cli - ti      vi - ta      vi - te

pa - - - ra - cli - ti      vi - ta      vi - - - te

pa - ra - cli - ti      vi - ta      vi - te

pa - - - ra - cli - ti      vi - ta      vi - - - te

*mf*

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14

*mp cresc.*      *mf*      *f*

+Add

*mf*

19

Sanc - tus, \_\_\_\_\_ sanc - tus es un -

Sanc-tus,

Sanc - tus, \_\_\_\_\_ sanc - tus es un -

Sanc-tus,

24

- gen - do \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

frac - tos, \_\_\_\_\_ frac -

pe - ri - cu - lo - se

*mp*

frac -

- gen - do \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*

frac - tos, \_\_\_\_\_ frac -

pe - ri - cu - lo - se

*mp*

frac -

3

3

28 *mf*

- tos, \_\_\_\_\_ sanc - tus es \_\_\_\_\_ ter - gen - do

- tos, \_\_\_\_\_ sanc - - tus es \_\_\_\_\_ ter - gen - do

- tos, \_\_\_\_\_ sanc - tus es \_\_\_\_\_ ter - gen - do

- tos, \_\_\_\_\_ sanc - - tus es \_\_\_\_\_ ter - gen - do

*p*

33 *p*

fe - ti - da vul - ne - ra. \_\_\_\_\_

fe - ti - da vul - ne - ra. \_\_\_\_\_

fe - ti - da vul - ne - ra. \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

fe - ti - da vul - ne - ra, \_\_\_\_\_ vul - -

*p*

3 3 3 3

38

**p**

O spi - - -

**p**

ne ra. O spi - - -

42

**p**

spi - ra - cu - lum sanc - ti - ta - tis, sanc - -

**mf**

Solo/semi-chorus

ra cu - lum sanc - ti - ta - tis, sanc - -

**mf**

Solo/semi-chorus

spi - ra - cu - lum sanc - ti - ta - tis, sanc - -

**mf**

Solo/semi-chorus

ra cu - lum sanc - ti - ta - tis, sanc - -

**Solo 8'**

bassoon part

47

dim. **p** dim. **p** Tutti **pp**

8 dim. **p** dim. **p** Tutti **pp**

**pp**

ca - ri - ta - tis **mf** **p**

ca - ri - ta - tis **mf** **p**

ca - ri - ta - tis **mf** **mp**

52 Tutti **pp** ca - ri - ta - tis **mf** **p**

ca - ri - ta - tis **mf** **p**

Tutti **pp** ca - ri - ta - tis **mf** **mp** O dul - cis gus - tus in pec - to - ri - bus

ca - ri - ta - tis **mf** **mp**

dolce - Reduce

mp **p**

57

*pp*

et in - fu - si - o

*pp*

et in - fu - si - o

*pp*

(hum)

*pp*

et in - fu - si - o

*pp*

+ 32 bourdon

62

*mf*

cor - di - um in bo - no o - do -

*mp*

cor - di - um in bo - no o -

*mp*

cor - di - um in bo - no o -

*mp*

cor - di - um in bo - no o -

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71 (cresc.)

- tum. \_\_\_\_\_

(cresc.)

- tum. \_\_\_\_\_

(cresc.)

- tum. \_\_\_\_\_

(cresc.)

- tum. \_\_\_\_\_

*f*

$\text{♩} = 144$

O fons pu - ris - si - me

*f*

O fons pu - ris - si - me in

*f*

O fons pu - ris - si - me

*f*

O fons pu - ris - si - me in

+Add

*mf*

$\text{♩} = 144$

76

in quo — con - si - de - ra - tur De - us a - li - en - tos col - le - git et

81

e - nos col - li - git et per - di - tos re - qui - rit.

per - di - tos, col - li - git et per - di - tos re - qui - rit.

e - nos col - li - git et per - di - tos re - qui - rit.

per - di - tos, col - li - git et per - di - tos re - qui - rit.

+Add

86 **f**

Tu e - ti - am doc - tos in - spi -

Tu e - ti - am sem - per doc - tos

Tu e - ti - am doc - tos in - spi -

Tu e - ti - am sem - per doc - tos

**mf**

90

- ra - - ti - o - nem Sa - pi - en - tie le - ti - fi - ca - tos.

in - spi - ra - - ti - o - nem Sa - pi - en - tie le - ti - fi - ca - tos.

- ra - - - ti - o - nem Sa - pi - en - tie le - ti - fi - ca - tos.

in - spi - ra - - ti - o - nem Sa - pi - en - tie le - ti - fi - ca - tos.

**mf**

94

**p**

Un - de laus ti - bi sit qui es so - nus lau - dis et gau - di um

**p**

Un - de laus ti - bi sit qui es so - nus lau - dis et gau - di um

**p**

8 Un - de laus ti - bi sit qui es so - nus lau - dis et gau - di um

**p**

Qui es so - nus lau - dis et gau - di um

**p sub.**

**f**

vi - te spes et ho - nor for - tis - si - mus, dans pre -

99

**f**

vi - te spes et ho - nor for - tis - si - mus, dans pre -

**f**

vi - te spes et ho - nor for - tis - si - mus, dans pre -

**f**

8 vi - te spes et ho - nor for - tis - si - mus, dans pre -

**f**

vi - te spes et ho - nor for - tis - si - mus, dans pre -

**mf**

**f**

vi - te spes et ho - nor for - tis - si - mus, dans pre -

14

104

ff

ff

ff

ff

mi - a \_\_\_\_\_ lu

f

A musical score page featuring five staves of music for strings. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (indicated by '4'). The tempo is marked as 110. The first four staves are in treble clef, while the fifth staff is in bass clef. The music consists of sustained notes with short vertical stems and horizontal dashes extending from them. The first four staves have a dynamic marking of '- cis.' followed by a short horizontal line. The fifth staff begins with a dynamic marking of 'ff' (fortissimo) followed by a sharp symbol (F#). The bass staff continues with a series of eighth-note patterns.

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