## TE DEUM



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## PERFORMANCE NOTE

Breath marks are suggestions only.
Any organ markings are suggestions only and are left to the discretion of the organist The soprano and alto duets in bb. 67-73 can be taken by more singers if desired. Accidentals apply throughout the bar.
The mmm sound is a resonant humming sound, perhaps with a slightly open mouth if necessary to create a fuller sound.

Commissioned by Patrick Craig for Aurora Nova
First performed by Aurora Nova conducted by Patrick Craig with Timothy Wakerell (organ) in St Paul's Cathedral, London, on 02 January 2011

A recording of this piece (in SATB version) is available on Phillip Cooke: Choral Music released on Regent Records, REGCD411

## Duration:

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## PROGRAMME NOTE

My setting of the Te Deum is a relatively simple piece, largely homophonic, with greater emphasis being placed on the 'effect' of the words and music combined, rather than any strong liturgical impulse. The work revolves around a strong Lydian mode on $G$ (with a flattened seventh) which colours all the harmony in the piece and provides much of the harmonic drive.

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We praise thee, O God :
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee :
the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud :
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin :
continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world :
doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people :
and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Andante maestoso ( $\quad=\mathrm{c} .69)$

Alto I \& II


Piu mosso $\quad(\quad .=c .80)$





Allegro spiritoso $(\delta=c .63 / d=$ c.126 $)$


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6 Soprano I \& II

$m p$




* Could be taken by two soloists if preferred



Maestoso $\quad(\delta=c .63 / d=c .126)$





poco a poco rit.


poco rit.- $\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad$ A tempo



Poco piu mosso (primo tempo) $(\cdot=\mathrm{c} .69)$



Lento sostenuto ( $\quad(=\mathrm{c} .50)$



