

The text is liturgically significant as a Responsory sung on Good Friday and during Vespers on the *Feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross* (May 3) and the *Exaltation of the Holy Cross* (September 14).

Translation:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
For by your holy cross and passion you have redeemed the world.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Composer's musings:

“Adoramus” is an atmospheric piece where sonority has equal if not greater significance than does melody. Choir II should be no larger than an octet, well-balanced and blended. Choir I, the “big choir,” carries out the role of foundational support at the beginning and the end of the work and sings the chorale in the main body of the piece. The divisi in this choir is as extensive as 7 parts (m. 49) and challenges the singers to listen carefully for well-balanced chords with uniform vowel colors. Choir II should be chosen as an ensemble that reflects the sound of Choir I, much like an echo rather than a smaller ensemble with its own distinct timbre. The divisi, especially in three parts, should be as equally balanced as possible.

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Adoramus

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Traditional **Prayerfully** ♩ = 60

Double Choir, a cappella

Gary Kent Walth

*Choir I & II

mp

A - do - ra - mus, A - do - ra - mus te, A - do - ra - mus,

mf

A - do - ra - mus te, A - do - ra - mus, A - do - ra - mus te,

f

A - do - ra - mus, A - do - ra - mus te, Chri - ste. _____

mp

Choir II

A - do - ra - mus te, A - do - ra - mus, A - do - ra - mus

Choir I

Duration: approx. 5:06

*Choir II should be no larger than an octet. Choir I is the "big choir."

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te, Chri-ste. A-do-ra-mus te, A-do-ra-mus,

mp A - do *mf* A - do - ra - mus te, A - do - ra - mus,

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A-do-ra-mus te Chri-ste.

do-ra-mus te. A-do-ra-mus

mp ra - mus te, *mf* A-do-ra-mus te,

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mf A-do-ra-mus,

mf A-do-ra-mus te, A-do-ra-mus te.

25

A - do - ra - mus, A - do - ra - mus

mf *f*

A - do - ra - mus, te, Chri - ste,

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te, be - ne - di - ci - mus te.

et be - ne - di - ci - mus.

35

A - do - ra - mus, A - do - ra - mus.

f

ti - bi: Qui -

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a per sanc - tam cru - cem tu -

43

am re de mi - sti mun - dum.

47

mi - se - re - re no - bis

Do - mi - ne, mi - se - re - re no - bis mi -

51

A - men,
se - re - re no - bis A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men,

54

mp
A - do - ra - mus te, A - do - ra - mus,
A - men, A - men.

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A - do - ra - mus te, Chri - ste A - do - ra - mus

A - do -