## **DIXIT DOMINUS**

## from Dixit Dominus, RV 595

for 3-part mixed voices and piano with optional PianoTrax\*

Music by ANTONIO VIVALDI (1678-1741)

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## **Editor's Note**

Antonio Vivaldi was a prolific composer and violin virtuoso in Venice, Italy during the Baroque era. Born in Venice, he worked there much of his life, taking concert tours throughout Europe. Today, Vivaldi is especially revered for his violin concertos, although he wrote a variety of instrumental and vocal works.

Vivaldi's study of music began early in life as a violinist. In order to continue his musical stadies, he chose to become a Roman Catholic priest. After his ordination to the priesthood, he was allowed to accept the music position at the Conservatory of the Pietà in Venice. At this school for orphaned and disadvantaged girls, he conducted Saturday and Sunday evening concerts of his music. His fame as a composer and violinist soon spread. Often called *prete rosso* ("red priest") because of his red hair he suffered ill health and problems with church authorities concerning his behavior as a priest. He left the active service of the priesthood the year after his appointment to the conservatory and devoted all of his time to conducting, composing, performing, and teaching music. Vivaldi's concertos, numbering over 400, include the famous *Le quattro stagioni* (*The Four Seasons*). He also wrote chamber works, operas, and a variety of sacred choral works. His *Gloria in D Major* is particularly popular today.

Vivaldi's lively chorus "Dixit Dominus" is the first movement from his choral setting of Psalm 110 titled *Dixit Dominus*, RV 595. Scored originally for S.S.A.T.B. choir, two oboes, trumpet, strings, and basso continuo, this edition and arrangement features a shortened keyboard version of the original instrumental introduction. Modern clefs, metronomic and expansic indications, and a keyboard reduction of the instrumental parts as the accompaniment have also been included by the editor.

"Dixit Dominus" should be performed with a strong and constant pulse, and the normally energized syllables should be emphasized while contrasting the various musical ideas with the suggested dynamic changes. Those syllables are underlined in the following pronunciation guide.

## **Pronunciation Guide**

Di-xit Do-mi-nus Do-mi-no me-o: The Lord said to my Lord: di-ksit do-mi-nus do-mi-no me-o:

Se-de a dex-tris me-is.

Sit down at my right hand.

se-de a deks-tris me-is

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