

# Motet, *Ave verum corpus*

K 618, Baden, June 17 1791

Wolfgang Amadé Mozart  
(1756–1791)

**Adagio**

Soprano      Alto      Tenore      Basso      Reductio partituræ

*sotto voce*

A - ve, — a - ve ve - rum cor - pus, na - tum  
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de Ma-rí - a vír - gi - ne, ve - re pas - sum im - mo - lá - tum in cru -

de Ma-rí - a vír - gi - ne, ve - re pas - sum im - mo - lá - tum in

8 de Ma-rí - a vír - gi - ne, ve - re pas - sum im - mo - lá - tum in

de Ma-rí - a vír - gi - ne, ve - re pas - sum im-mo - lá - tum in

*im-mo - lá - tum*

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- ce pro hó - mi - ne. Cu - jus la - tus

cru - ce pro hó - mi - ne. Cu - jus la - tus

8 cru - ce pro hó - mi - ne. Cu - jus la - tus

cru - ce pro hó - mi - ne. Cu - jus la - tus

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per - fo - rá - tum un - da flu - xit et sán - gui - ne, es - to  
 per - fo - rá - tum un - da flu - xit et sán - gui - ne, es - to  
 per - fo - rá - tum un - da flu - xit et sán - gui - ne,  
 per - fo - rá - tum un - da flu - xit et sán - gui - ne,

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no - bis præ - gu - stá - tum in mor - - tis ex - á - mi - ne, in mor -  
 no - bis præ - gu - stá - tum in mor - - tis ex - á - mi - ne, in  
 es - to no - bis præ - gu - stá - tum in mor - tis ex - á - mi - ne, in  
 es - to no - bis præ - gu - stá - tum in mor - tis ex - á - mi - ne, in

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tis ex - á - mi - ne.  
 mor - - - tis ex - á - mi - ne.  
 mor - - - tis ex - á - mi - ne.  
 mor - - - tis ex - á - mi - ne. *tr*

# Latin

*Ave Verum Corpus*

*Latin*

Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.

O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,  
O Iesu, fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
whose pierced side  
flowed with water and blood:  
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]  
in the trial of death.

O sweet Jesus, O pious Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.

Note: Mozart's version ends with "in mortis examine".

The complete text of this Eucharistic hymn or poem (14th C) includes the last few lines.

[Online performance](#) with Leonard Bernstein