

Mass for four voices

Kyrie eleison

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Cantus [Soprano]
Altus [Alto]
Tenor [Tenor]
Bassus [Baritone]

Ky - rie e - lei - son, Ky - rie e - lei - son.

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- lei - son, Ky - rie e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. son, Ky - rie e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son.

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Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son. - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son. - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son. son, Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Musical score for the first system of 'Kyrie eleison'. It consists of four staves: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Musical score for the second system of 'Kyrie eleison'. It consists of four staves: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The lyrics are: -rie e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, -rie e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Musical score for the third system of 'Kyrie eleison'. It consists of four staves: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, (stagger) - son, - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Variants scansion of *Kyrie* as either two or three syllables has been preserved as far as possible from the source. (The suggested pronunciation as a disyllable is ki'ri rather than kir'je.)

I.4.3: superfluous flat

III.3-4: ky o rie d d e d lei d

I.13: lower e flat removed from ks

I.25: lower e flat replaced in ks

III.31-2, 36: ky d rie d d e o