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Thee We Adore is a piece that was inspired by Franz Biebl's cherished setting of "Ave Maria." I was still with *Cantus*, the full-time professional male vocal ensemble in Minneapolis, when the Biebl became a staple of our repertoire. For our first major tour of the east coast in the summer 1998, I wanted to write a piece that had some of the same ideas of flowing lines, chant-based melodies, and the antiphonal texture, but with a new twist. **Thee We Adore** combines the gregorian chant tune, presented in an organum setting with the full men's chorus, and alleluias from the solo quartet that have a more 21st-century style. Although the piece is strophic and verse one and four are set identically, I was also drawn to the individual verses. The mood of the second verse seemed to bring me back to an earlier time and a simple unison delivery of the gregorian chant seemed to be the perfect choice. With the third verse, an image of an old outdoor fountain found within the gardens of an estate continued to come to mind. The bubbling water at the top that would flow down into many levels of shallow pools and then be sent back to the top to continue the journey reminds me of the goodness of God: his forgiving nature, his understanding and compassion that always flows forth. These ideas inspired the vocal fountain for the third verse found in the solo quartet.

- *Philip Moody*

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,
Who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord.
Who living Bread to men doth here afford;
Oh, may our souls forever feed on Thee,
and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.
Amen.

-Thomas Aquinas (1226-1274)

-English Translation by James R. Woodford

Thee We Adore

Thomas Aquinas

arr. Philip Moody

Tenor 1 *mf* Thee_ we a - dore, O hid-den Sav- iour,
 Tenor 2 *mf* Thee_ we a - dore, O hid-den Sav - ior,
 Baritone 1 *mf* Thee_ we a - dore, O hid-den Sav- iour,
 Baritone 2 *mf* Thee_ we a - dore, O hid-den Sav - ior,
 Bass 1 *mf* Thee_ we a - dore, O hid-den Sav - ior,
 Bass 2 *mf* Thee we a - dore, O hid-den Sav - ior,
 Solo Tenor 1 *mp* Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 Solo Tenor 2 *mp* Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 Solo Baritone *mp* Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 Solo Bass *mp* Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
 for rehearsal only

This piece should have a chant-like feeling throughout. The organum in the chorus voices should be balanced with a slightly increased dynamic in the voice of the original chant. The "alleluias" in the solo voices should maintain a smooth line throughout.

thee, Who in thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;

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thee, Who in thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu-

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu-

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu-

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu-

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

we de-vout-ly hail. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

we de-vout-ly hail. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

we de-vout-ly hail. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

we de-vout-ly hail. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

B *unis.*

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O___ blest me - mo - rial of our dy - ing Lord. Who___ liv - ing bread_ to us shall here af -

ford; Oh, may___ our souls___ for - ev - er feed on thee, and___ thou, O Christ,___ for -

ev - er pre-cious be. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Ooo

ev - er pre-cious be. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Ooo

ev - er pre-cious be. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Ooo

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ev - er pre-cious be.

ev - er pre-cious be.

ev - er pre-cious be.

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ev - er pre-cious be.

Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God: Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy

Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God: Cleanse us, un -

Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:

Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord

most cleans - ing blood; In - crease our faith and love, that we may know the

clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood; In - crease our faith and love, that we may

Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood; In - crease our faith and

and God: Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood; In - crease

— hope and peace which from Thy pres-ence flow.

know the hope and peace which from Thy pres-ence flow.

love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy pres-ence flow.

our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy pres-ence flow.

This verse is set for the four solo voices. They should be performed in a chant-like fashion, but still line up vertically with the other three soloists. Care has been taken to provide the appropriate groupings of two and three by the use of the beams. The four lines should intertwine and individually come through the texture naturally. The chord in the main chorus, from the previous page, should continue throughout this section and be balanced through an equal number of voices on each of the four notes.

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This musical score is for a hymn, likely 'O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see: Alleluia'. It is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The score is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 7/8 time. The tempo is marked 'Andante'. The score consists of 12 measures. The first four measures are for the vocal parts, each with the lyrics 'O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see:'. The next four measures are for the vocal parts, each with the lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia'. The last four measures are for the piano accompaniment, featuring a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The score is marked with a large 'Copyright' watermark.

O Christ, whom now_ be - neath a veil we see:

O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see:

O Christ, whom now_ be - neath a veil we see:

O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see:

O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see:

O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see:

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-

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May_ what we thirst_ for soon our por-tion be,

May_ what we thirst for soon our por-tion be,

May_ what we thirst_ for soon our por-tion be,

May_ what we thirst for soon our por-tion be,

May_ what we thirst for soon our por-tion be,

May what we thirst for soon our por-tion be,

ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-

ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-

ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-

ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-

To gaze on Thee un-veiled, and see Thy face,

To gaze on Thee un-veiled, and see Thy face,

To gaze on Thee un-veiled, and see Thy face,

To gaze on Thee un-veiled, and see Thy face,

To gaze on Thee un-veiled, and see Thy face,

To gaze on Thee un-veiled, and see Thy face,

ia. The vision of Thy glo-ry and Thy

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Musical score for "Amen" by J. S. Bach, BWV 147, for SATB choir and keyboard. The score is in G major and 12/8 time. It features a large "CORO Publishing" watermark. The lyrics are "A - men." and "A - men. A - men." The score includes a "F" (Forte) dynamic marking and a "largo" tempo marking. The keyboard part is shown at the bottom.

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