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ETERNAL LIGHT

FOR CHOIR SATB

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Scoring: Choir SATB

Duration: c. 4 minutes

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Text:

Translated from the Liturgia Horarum by R. F. Littledale (1833-1890).

ETERNAL Light, Divinity,
O Unity in Trinity,
Thy holy name Thy servants bless,
to Thee we pray, and Thee confess.

We praise the Father, mighty One;
we praise the sole-begotten Son;
we praise the Holy Ghost above,
who joins Them in one bond of love.

O Verity! O Charity!
O Ending and Felicity!
in Thee we hope, in Thee believe,
Thyself we love, to Thee we cleave.

Thou First and Last, from whom there springs
the Fount of all created things,
Thou art the Life which moves the whole,
sure hope of each believing soul.

Thou who alone the world hast made,
art still its one sufficing aid,
the only Light for gazing eyes,
and, unto them that hope, the Prize.

O Father, Source of God the Word,
O Word with Him co-equal Lord,
O Spirit of like majesty,
O Triune God, all praise to Thee. Amen.

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♩ = 100

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variable time signature

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

pp *mf* *pp*

Et - er - nal Light, Di - vi - ni - ty, O Un - i -

Et - er - nal Light, O Un - i -

Et - er - nal Light, O Un - i -

Et - er - nal Light, O Un - i -

5

mf *f* *pp*<

ty in Tri - ni - ty, Thy ho - ly name thy ser-vants bless, to

ty in Thy ho - ly name bless, to

ty in Thy ho - ly name bless, to

ty in Thy ho - ly name bless, to

8

mf *

Thee we pray, and Thee con - fess.

Thee we pray, and con - fess.

Thee we pray, and con - fess.

Thee we pray, and con - fess.

* a niente

10

mf *f*

We praise the Fa - ther migh - ty one;

pp *mf* *f*

We we praise the Fa - ther migh - ty one;

pp *mf* *f*

We praise the Fa - ther migh - ty one;

pp *mf* *f*

We praise the Fa - ther migh - ty one;

12

mf *p*

we praise the sole be-got - ten Son; we praise the Ho - ly ghost a - bove,

mf *p*

we praise the sole be-got - ten Son; we praise the Ho - ly ghost a - bove,

mf *p*

we praise the sole be-got - ten Son; we praise the Ho - ly ghost a - bove,

mf *p*

we praise the sole be-got - ten Son; we praise the Ho - ly ghost a - bove,

14

pp

who joins Them in one bond of love.

pp

who joins Them in one bond of love.

pp

who joins Them in one bond of love.

pp

who joins Them in one bond of love.

15

B

pp

O Ve - ri - ty! O Cha - ri - ty! O End - ing

pp

O Ve - ri - ty O End - ing

pp

O Ve - ri - ty O End - ing

pp

O Ve - ri - ty O End - ing

19

mp *pp*

and Fe - li - ci - ty! in Thee we

mp *pp*

and Fe - li - ci - ty! in Thee we

mp *pp*

and Fe - li - ci - ty! in Thee we

mp *pp*

and Fe - li - ci - ty! in Thee we

22

mf

hope, in Thee be - lieve, Thy - self we love, to Thee we cleave.

mf

hope, be - lieve, Thy - self we love, to Thee we cleave.

mf

hope, be - lieve, Thy - self we love, to Thee we cleave.

mf

hope, be - lieve, Thy - self we love, to Thee we cleave.



pp *f*

Thou first and last, from whom there springs the Fount of all cre - a - ted things,

pp *f*

Thou first and last, whom springs the Fount of all cre - a - ted things,

pp *f*

Thou first and last, whom springs the Fount of all cre - a - ted things,

pp *f*

Thou first and last, whom springs the Fount of all cre - a - ted things,

pp

Thou art the Life which moves the whole, — sure

pp

Thou art the Life moves the whole, sure

pp

Thou art the Life moves the whole, sure

pp

Thou art the Life moves the whole, sure

ff *fff*

hope of each be - liev - ing soul.

ff *fff*

hope of each be - liev - ing soul.

ff *fff*

hope of each be - liev - ing soul.

ff *fff*

hope of each be - liev - ing soul.

35 **D**

mf ————— *f*

Thou who a - lone the world hast made art

pp ————— *mf* ————— *f*

Thou Thou who a - lone the world hast made art

pp ————— *mf* ————— *f*

Thou who a - lone the world hast made art

pp ————— *mf* ————— *f*

Thou who a - lone the world hast made art

37

mf ————— *f*

still its one suf - fi - cing aid, the on - ly Light for ga - zing eyes,

mf ————— *f*

still its one suf - fi - cing aid, the on - ly Light for ga - zing eyes,

mf ————— *f*

still its one suf - fi - cing aid, the on - ly Light for ga - zing eyes,

mf ————— *f*

still its one suf - fi - cing aid, the on - ly Light for ga - zing eyes,

39

pp

and, un - to them that hope, the Prize.

pp

and, un - to them that hope, the Prize.

pp

and, un - to them that hope, the Prize.

pp

and, un - to them that hope, the Prize.

41 *p dim. poco a poco*

O Fa - ther, Source of God the Word,

p dim. poco a poco

O Fa - ther, Source of God the Word,

p dim. poco a poco

O Fa - ther, Source of God the Word,

p dim. poco a poco

O Fa - ther, Source of God the Word,

43

O Word with Him co - e - qual Lord, O Spi - rit of like ma - je - sty,

O Word with Him co - e - qual Lord, O Spi - rit of like ma - je - sty,

O Word with Him co - e - qual Lord, O Spi - rit of like ma - je - sty,

O Word with Him co - e - qual Lord, O Spi - rit of like ma - je - sty,

46 *ppp*

O Tri - une God, all praise to Thee.

ppp

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ppp

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ppp

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