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Transposed up a major third for The Davey Consort.

Accidentals above noteheads are editorial. All others present in source.

Altus [10.1] tone lower in source.

Quintus [20] sharp in source.

C,A,T,B [36-38] rhythms adjusted for underlay - source treats *evils* as one syllable.

Tenor [75.2] split to fit underlay.

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c.1600-1650

*O Lord, I bow the knees of my heart, requiring mercy of thee: O Lord, I have sinned, and known mine iniquities: forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities, neither do thou always remember mine evils to punish them; but save me, which am unworthy, after thy great mercy, and I will praise thee everlastingly all the days of my life; for all the virtues of heaven praiseth thee, and unto thee belongeth all glory, world without end. Amen.*

## O Lord I bow the knees

William Mundy

(c.1529–1591)

Musical score for the first system of the piece. It features five staves: Cantus, Altus, Quintus, Tenor, and Bassus. The music is in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are: O Lord, I bow the knees of my heart, re - quir - ing mer - cy of thee, mer -

Musical score for the second system of the piece. It features five staves: Cantus, Altus, Quintus, Tenor, and Bassus. The music is in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are: I bow the knees of my heart, re - quir - ing mer - cy of thee, mer - knees of my heart, re - quir - ing mer - cy of thee, re - quir - ing mer - cy of thee, O Lord, I bow the knees of my heart, re - quir - ing mer - cy, re - knees of my heart, re - quir - ing mer - cy of thee, O Lord,





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give me, and de - stroy me not with mine in - i - qui - ties, in - i - qui -  
 and de - stroy me not, for - give me, and de - stroy me not with  
 for - give me, and de - stroy me not with mine in - i - qui -  
 not, for - give me, and de - stroy me not with mine in - i - qui -  
 stroy me not, for - give me, and de - stroy me not with mine in -

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ties, nei - ther do thou al - ways re - mem - ber mine  
 mine in - i - qui - ties, nei - ther do  
 ties, with mine in - i - qui - ties, nei - ther do thou al -  
 ties, in - i - qui - ties, nei - ther do thou al - ways re - mem -  
 i - qui - ties, nei - ther do thou al - ways re -

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e - vils to pun - ish them, to pun - ish them; but save me,  
 thou al - ways re - mem - ber mine e - vils to pun - ish them; but save me,  
 ways re - mem - ber mine e - vils to pun - ish them; but  
 - ber mine e - vils, re - mem - ber mine e - vils to pun - ish them;  
 mem - ber mine e - vils to pun - ish them, to pun - ish them;

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which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, but  
 which am un - wor - thy, but save me,  
 save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer -  
 but save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er  
 but save me, which am un - wor -

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save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer -  
 which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy,  
 -cy, but save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er  
 thy great mer - cy, but save me, which am un -  
 - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, but save me,

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- cy, but save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer -  
 but save me, which am un - wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy,  
 thy great mer - cy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, and I will  
 wor - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, and I will praise thee  
 which am un - wor - - - thy, aft - er thy great mer - cy, aft - er

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cy, and I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly, and  
and I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly,  
praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly, and I will praise thee  
ev - er - last - ing - ly, and I will praise thee ev -  
thy great mer - cy, and I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly, and

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I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my  
and I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my  
ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my life, all the days of my  
er - last - ing - ly, ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my  
I will praise thee ev - er - last - ing - ly all the days of my

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life, of my life; for all the  
life, all the days of my life; for  
life; for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, the  
life; for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, the vir - tues of  
life, all the days of my life; for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais

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vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, prais - eth thee,  
 all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, of heav'n prais - eth  
 vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n  
 heav'n prais - eth thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth  
 - eth thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, for all the

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for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, heav'n prais - eth  
 thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, for all the  
 prais - eth thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, and un - to  
 thee, for all the vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, \_\_\_\_\_  
 vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, and un - to thee be -

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thee, and un - to thee be - long - eth all glo -  
 vir - tues of heav'n prais - eth thee, and un - to thee be - long - eth all  
 thee be - long - eth all glo - ry, world with - out  
 and un - to thee be - long - eth all glo - ry, world with - out  
 long - eth all glo - ry, be - long - eth all glo - ry, world with - out

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-ry, world with - out end, and un - to thee be -  
 glo - ry, world with - out end, world with - out end, and un - to  
 end, and un - to thee be - long - eth all glo - ry,  
 end, with-out end, and un - to thee be - long - eth all  
 end, and un - to thee be - long - eth all glo - ry, be - long - eth all

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long - eth all glo - ry, world with - out end.  
 thee be - long - eth all glo - ry, world with - out end. A -  
 world with - out end, world with - out end. A -  
 glo - ry, world with - out end, world with - out end. A -  
 glo - ry, world with - out end, world with - out end. A -

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A - - - men.  
 - - - - - men.  
 - - - - - men.  
 - - - - - men.  
 - - - - - men.