

13. Tu Deus noster

*Tu Deus noster suavis et verus es,
patiens et pius, in misericordia disponens omnia,
etenim si peccaverimus tui sumus,
scientes magnitudinem tuam,
et si non peccaverimus, scimus quoniam
apud te sumus computati;
nosse enim te, consumata iustitia est,
et scire iustitiam et virtutem tuam,
radix est immortalitatis.*

You, our God, are kind and true,
patient and faithful, you rule over all things with mercy,
for even if we sin, we are yours,
knowing your greatness,
and if we do not sin,
we know that we are counted among yours;
for to know you is complete justice,
and to know your righteousness and virtue
is the root of immortality.

*Tribue ergo nobis Domine,
ut tibi soli servientes,
sub umbra alarum tuarum protecti,
iustitiam et virtutem exercere valeamus,
ut cum defecerimus recipere nos digneris
in aeterna tabernacula.*

Grant us, therefore, O Lord,
that we may serve only you,
protected under the shadow of your wings,
we may be strong to exercise justice and virtue,
so that when we fail you will deign to receive us
in the eternal tabernacle.

Prima pars: *Book of Wisdom 15: 1-3*;
Secunda pars: *source unknown*.

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The musical score is written for five voices: Soprano, Tenor I, Tenor II, Tenor III, and Bass. The Soprano part begins with a discantus. The Tenor II part has the lyrics: 'Tu De - us no - ster su - a -'. The Tenor III part has the lyrics: 'Tu De - us no - ster su -'. The Bass part is a simple accompaniment. The score is in common time (C) and features a large brace on the left side.