

Compassio

music for SATB choir

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compassio = compassion

Compassio is a choral prelude. It expresses that small acts of kindness and partnership can add up to something big.

The Latin word "compassio" is exploded and then reassembled with joy, hope, and a bit of playfulness.

This music reminds me that well-meaning words need to be paired with action.

-David

"Most good things have already been said far too many times and just need to be lived."

-Shane Claiborne

This music was premiered by Vox Humana in Victoria, BC, Canada, on March 16, 2013.

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With vitality ♩. = 70

Soprano *p* *mf* *p* *mf*
 Com - pas - si - o, com - pas - si - o,

Alto *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*
 Com - pas - si - o, com - pas - si - o,

Tenor *p* *mf* *p* *mf*
 Com - pas - si - o, com - pas - si - o,

Bass *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*
 Com - pas - si - o, com - pas - si - o,

7 *f* *mp* *p*
 S — com - pas - si - o, com - pas - si - o.

A *p* *f* *mp* *p*
 com - pas - si - o, com - pas - si - o.

T *p* *f* *mp* *p*
 com - pas - si - o, com - pas - si - o.

B *p* *f* *mp* *p*
 com - pas - si - o, com - pas - si - o.

13 *mf* * Do not close to the consonant in brackets.
 S Co(m)* co(m)

A *mf* com-pas - si - o. Co(m)*

T *mf* com-pas - si - o. Co(m)* co(m)

B *mf* com-pas - si - o. Co(m)*

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f *mp* *f*

S
co(m) 3 co(m) 3

A
f 3 *mp* *f*
co(m) 3

T
f
co(m) co(m)

B
f
co(m) co(m)

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mp *p* *mf*

S
com - - - mm - pa(s) - - si i* i i si

A
mp *p*
com - - - mm - pas - si i* i i si

T
mp *p* *p*
com - - - mm - pas - si si i*

B
mp *p*
com - - - mm si i*

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p *mf* *mf* *mf*

S
i i si i i i si i i
i i si i i i si i i
i i si i i i si i i

A
i i si i i i si i i si
i i si i i i si i i

T
mf *p* *mf*
- si i si i si i

B
si i si i i

(♩ = ♩) Faster ♩ = 105

* Same vowel as the syllable "si".

