

# AVE VERUM CORPUS

*Ave verum corpus*  
Attr. Innocent IV (ca. 1300–1362)  
English text by J. William Greene

Ernest Chausson, Op. 6 (1883)  
(1855–1899)  
Arr. J. William Greene

**Pas trop lent** (♩ = ca. 46)

**S**  
Ve - rum  
Born of

**A**  
*p*  
A - ve  
Je - sus, our true bread,  
ve - rum  
born of

**T**  
*p*  
A - ve  
True bread,  
ve - rum  
born of

**B**  
*p*  
A - ve  
True bread,  
ve - rum  
born of

**Organ**  
*p*

## Notes

Known primarily as a writer of intimate songs, Chausson, who was a student of Massenet, a devotee of Wagner, and a disciple of Franck, created in his short lifetime a body of work that encompasses all genres. Educated as a lawyer, he never practiced, but was freed by a considerable inheritance from his father, a public works contractor, to devote his life to music without financial worries. This piece is drawn from his *Two Motets*, Op. 6, of 1883, for voice, violin and keyboard. The vocal parts are constructed from Chausson's original melody, using the harmonies from the original piano accompaniment, which is given unaltered in this edition. When played on the organ, some accommodations will need to be made, such as taking the low B in mm. 4, 21, and 63, up an octave.

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Cor - pus na - tum de Ma - rí - a Vír - gi - ne:  
Mar - y, Thanks and praise we of - fer joy - ful - ly.

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11 *poco piu f*

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*poco rit.* *a tempo*

pro hó - mi - ne.  
all hu - man - kind.

*poco rit.* *p a tempo*

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*poco rit.* *a tempo* *p*

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*p*

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True bread,

*a tempo* *p*

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21 *p*

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