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ANIMA CHRISTI



Notes: "Anima Christi" was originally composed for a meeting of choir conductors at the René Clausen Choral School in 1998. The first half of the piece is very free, giving conductors a great opportunity to work on the use of rubato. The voices first sing in open spacing, with many fourths and fifths. As the piece develops, the voicings become tighter and textures become thicker. The tempo should remain fairly steady following the key change at measure 19, building dynamically to the end. Listen to the recording for some ideas on the use of rubato, choral balance, etc.

This piece is well suited for high school and college choirs, and adventurous church choirs as well. Pay special attention to sectional balance in the areas of choral divisi. Piano or organ may double the choral parts if necessary.

