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**Messe de Minuit pour Noel**  
(Midnight Mass for Christmas)  
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circa 1645-1704

I Kyrie

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

II Gloria

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory.  
Lord God, king of heaven, God the Father almighty,  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have pity on us, receive our prayer.  
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For thou only art holy, art the Lord, art the most high, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of the Father. Amen.*

III Credo (excerpts)

*God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and the giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spake by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy, Catholic and Apostolic church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

IV Offertoire – Instrumental

V Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

VI Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
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