GLORIA IN CIELO E PACE IN TERRA

for Two-Part Mixed Choir & Organ (or Piano)

Laudario di Cortona (XII sec.)
Difficulty: Medium Easy
Duration: 2'30"

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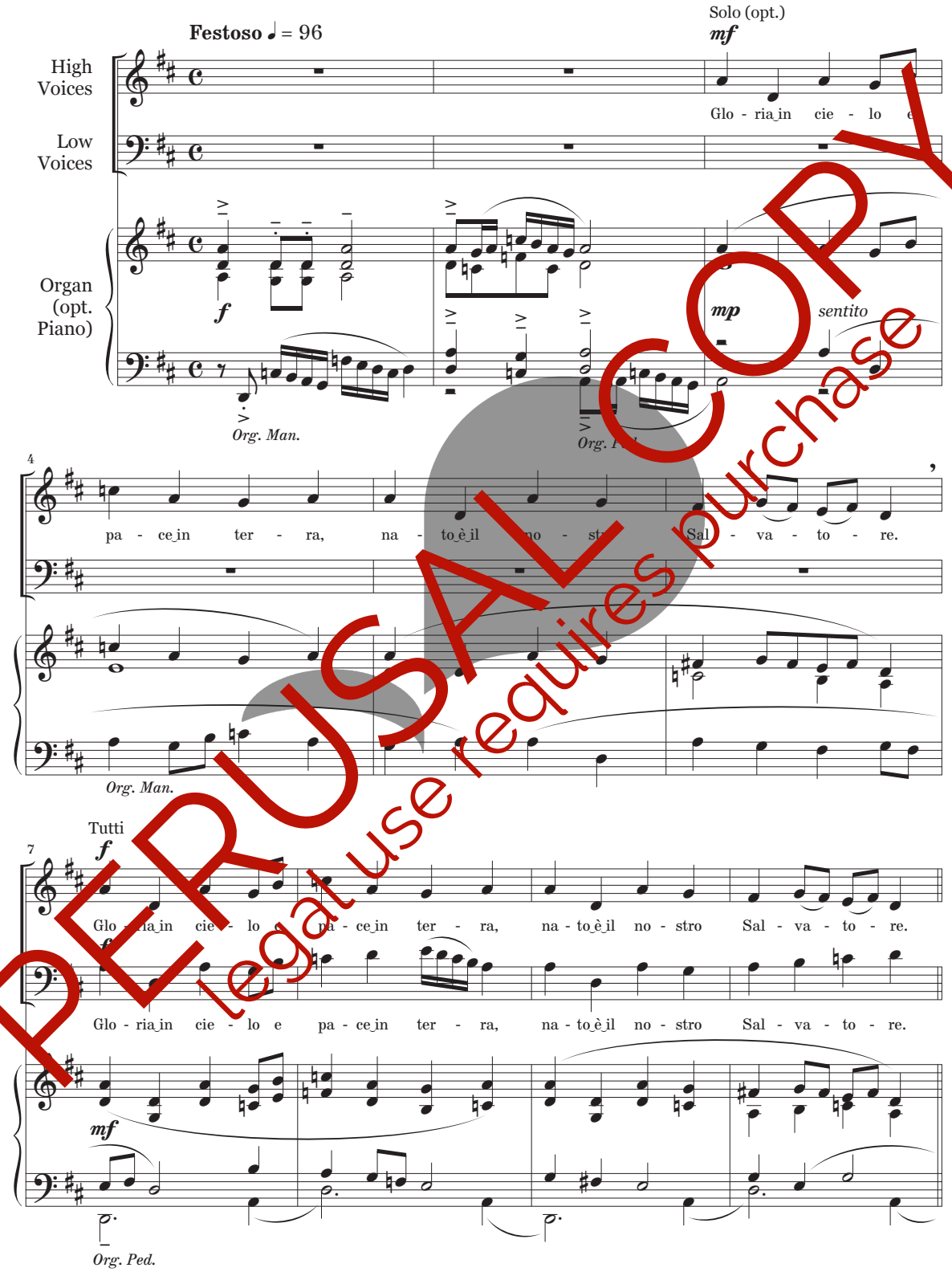
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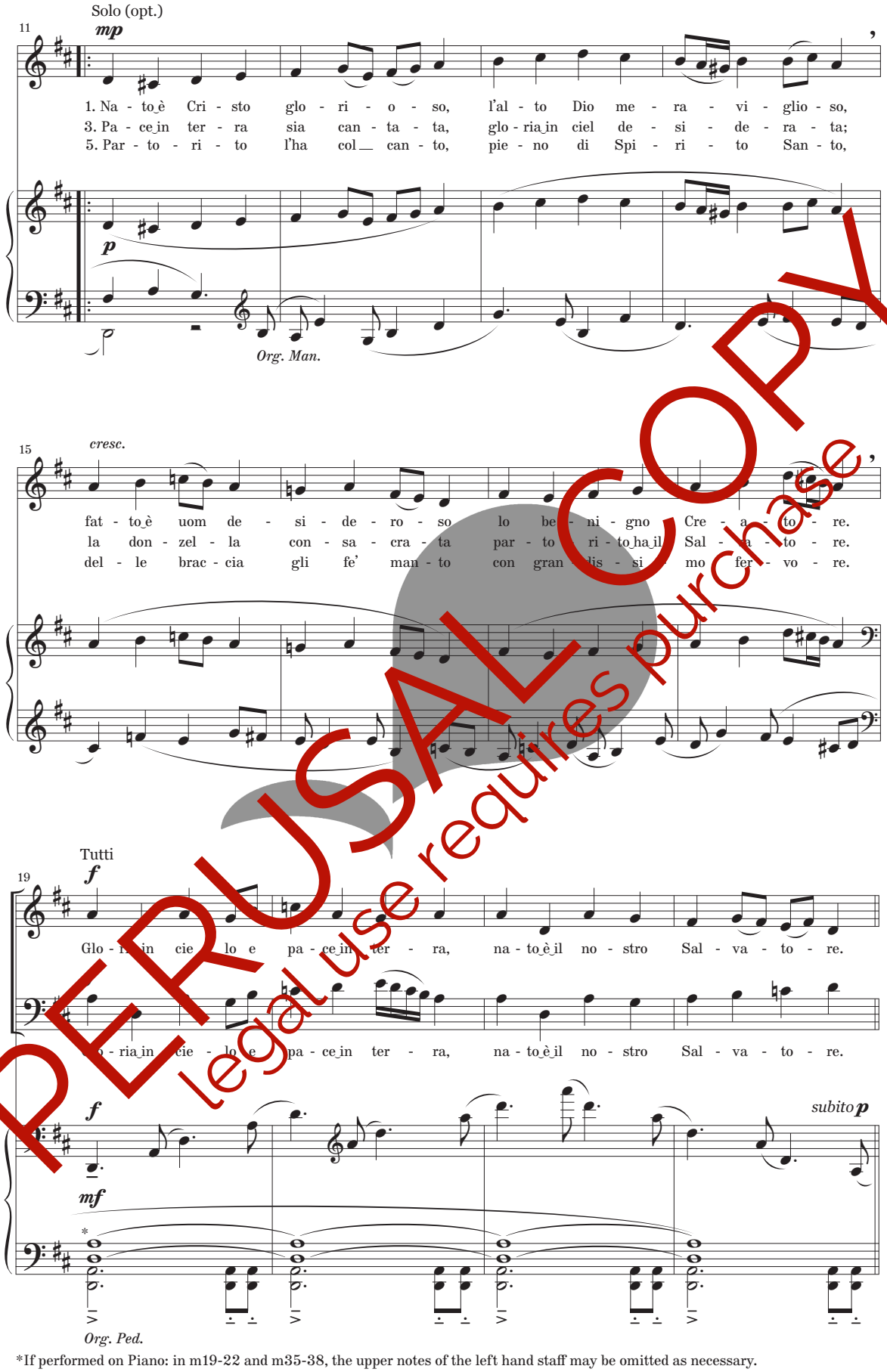
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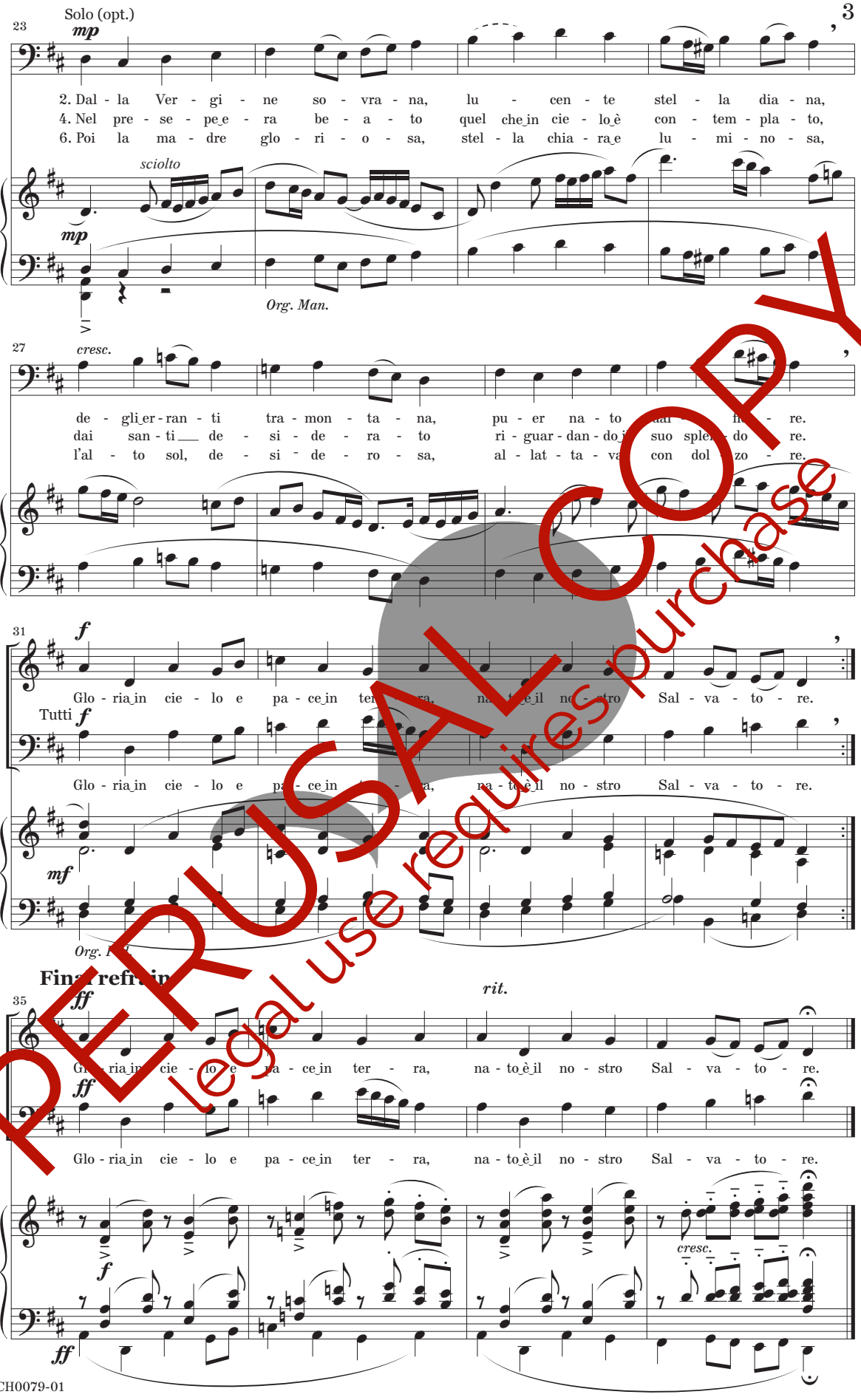
*If performed on Piano: in m19-22 and m35-38, the upper notes of the left hand staff may be omitted as necessary.

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Italian lyrics (modernized):
Gloria in cielo e pace in terra, nato è il nostro Salvatore.

Nato è Cristo glorioso, l'alto Dio meraviglioso,
fatto è uom desideroso lo benigno Creatore.

Dalla Vergine sovrana, lucente stella diana,
degli erranti tramontana, puer nato dalla fiore.

Pace in terra sia cantata, gloria in ciel desiderata;
la donzella consacrata partorito ha il Salvatore.

Nel presepe era beato quel che in cielo è contemplato,
dai santi desiderato riguardando il suo splendore.

Partorito l'ha col canto, pieno di Spirito Santo,
delle braccia gli fe' manto con grandissimo fervore.

Poi la madre gloriosa, stella chiara e luminosa,
l'alto sol, desiderosa, allattava con dolzore.

English translation:
Glory be to God on high and peace on earth, our Saviour is born.

Born is the glorious Christ, the high marvellous God,
the benign Creator became an eager man.

From the sovereign Virgin, bright Venus star,
north wind of the wandering men, Child born from the Flower.

Peace on earth be sung, glory on high be desired,
the anointed Lady has given birth to the Saviour.

In the crib was blessed He who was worshipped in heaven,
desired from the Saints staring at His splendour.

She gave birth to Him while singing, full of Holy Spirit,
and made Her arms a coat for Him with great fervor.

Then the glorious Mother, bright and light star,
suckled with sweetness the high Sun.

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