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Preces and Responses for Evening Service in A

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SATB a cappella

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Byron Adams (b. 1955) is a composer, conductor, and musicologist. His essays have appeared in journals such as *19th-Century Music*, *The Musical Quarterly*, *Music and Letters*, *twentieth-century music*, and the *John Donne Journal*, and have been included in volumes such as *The Cambridge Companion to Elgar* (2004), *Walt Whitman and Modern Music* (Garland, 2000) and *Vaughan Williams Studies* (Cambridge, 1996). In 2007, he was appointed scholar-in-residence for the Bard Music Festival, and edited *Edward Elgar and His World* (Princeton, 2007).

Adams' music has been performed at the 26th "Warsaw Autumn" International Festival of Contemporary Music, the Leith Hill Festival in England, the Conservatoire Américain in Fontainebleau, France (where he taught in the summer of 1992), and the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra. A recipient of numerous awards and grants, he has had his scores programmed in America by such ensembles as the Syracuse Symphony, the West Virginia Symphony, and the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Major commissions include the *Variationes alchemisticae* for Chamber Music Palisades, *Le Jardin Provençal* for Pacific Serenades, and *Illuminations* for piano commissioned by the distinguished pianist Armen Guzelimian. In 2011, The Philharmonia Orchestra of London performed his *Midsummer Music* for orchestra under the baton of Peter Oundjian.

Note from the composer

Byron Adams composed these Preces and Responses to be sung with his Evening Service in A as this score shares melodic and harmonic material with both his Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis; however, the Preces and Responses may be sung on their own as well.

to Dale Adelman

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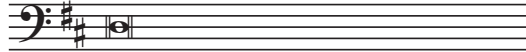
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Book of Common Prayer, 1662

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Preces

Cantor



O Lord, open thou our lips.

flowing; not fast (♩ = circa 44-48)

mf

S
A

And our __ mouth __ shall shew __ forth thy __ praise. __

T
B

mf

Cantor



O God, make speed to save us.

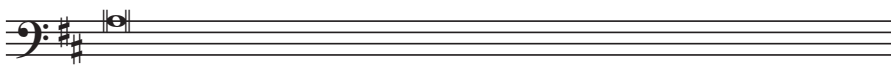
more urgent

f

O Lord, make haste __ to help __ us. __

f

Cantor



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

flowing
mf

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

mf

now, and ev - er shall be; world with - out

f

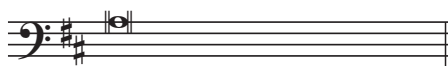
f

end. A - - - - - men.

f ***mf***

f ***mf***

Cantor



Praise ye the Lord.

exultant***f***

The Lord's Name be praised.

Responses

Cantor

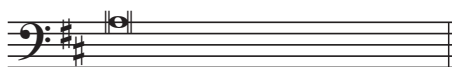


The Lord be with you.

joyous***f***

And with thy spir - it.

Cantor



Let us pray.

with vigor***f***

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

f

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

f

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Cantor Our Father,

flowing; inward and subdued

p

who art in heav - en, Hal - lowed be thy Name,

mp

Thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it

is — in heav — en. — Give us — this

mf

mf

day — our dai - ly bread. — And for - give us our

tres - pass - es, — as we for-give those who tres - pass a -

f

f

a bit slower

p *pp*

temp -

- gainst us. And lead us not — in - to temp -

p *pp*

ta - tion; _____ **first tempo**

mp *p*

ta - tion; but de - liv - er us from e - vil. _____

mp *p*

much slower

pp *rit.*

A - - - - - men. _____

pp

Cantor

O Lord, shew thy mercy up - on us.

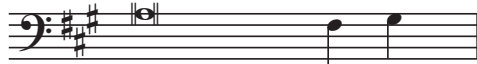
flowing

mp sal - va - tion. _____

And grant us thy sal - va - tion. _____

mp

Cantor



O Lord, save the State
(U.K.: Queen.)

faster; anguished

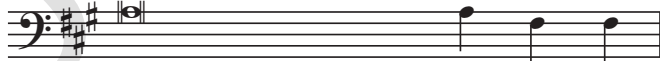
f

And mer - ci - ful - ly hear us

f

— when we call up - on — thee. —

Cantor



Endue thy ministers with right - eous - ness.

flowing; suave
mp

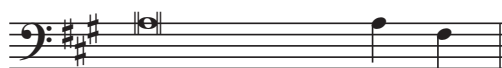
mp

And make thy cho - sen peo - ple joy - ful. —

joy - ful. —

mp

Cantor

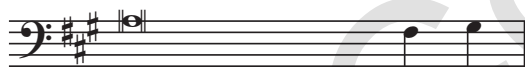


O Lord, save thy peo - ple.

flowing; subdued*mp*

And bless thine in - her - i - tance.

Cantor



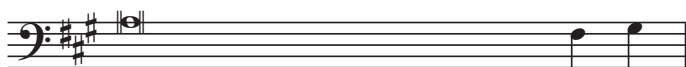
Give peace in our time, O Lord.

sturdy; a bit faster*f*

Be - cause there is none oth - er that

fight-eth for us but on - ly thou, O God.

Cantor



O God, make clean our hearts with - in us.

slow and introspective

Spir - it

p

And take not thy Ho - ly Spir - it from us.

The Collects

Cantor

... Jesus Christ our Lord.

I.

p

A - men.

II.

p

A - men.

III. flowing; serene, and not too slow

pp

A - - - - -

men.

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