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in G Major

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SATB a cappella

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A full-time church musician since 1973, Michael Bedford currently serves as Organist/Choirmaster and Composer-in-Residence at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he plays the organ and supervises a full graded choir program including three singing choirs and a handbell choir. He has held similar positions in Texas and Colorado. He is also the founder and CEO of Crescendo Press where he publishes much of his own sacred music, including music for choirs, organ, handbells, extended works for choir and orchestra, service music, and hymn concertatos for choir, congregation, organ, brass and timpani. (Website: [www.crescendo-press.com](http://www.crescendo-press.com) )

Dr. Bedford has published choral music for children's, youth and adult choirs, as well as organ collections and handbell pieces. Through fifteen different publishers he now has over two hundred titles in print. He also serves as workshop leader and clinician for children's and youth choir festivals, handbell festivals, hymn festivals and organ workshops throughout the United States.

In addition to membership in the American Guild of Organists, Dr. Bedford also belongs to Choristers Guild (of which he is a past board member); the Association of Anglican Musicians; the Royal School of Church Music in America; the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers; the American Choral Directors Association; and the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association (of which he is a past board member). In 1984 his bio was featured in Outstanding Young Men of America, and in 1989 it appeared in the International Who's Who in Music.

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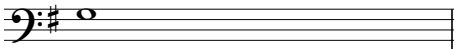
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SATB a cappella

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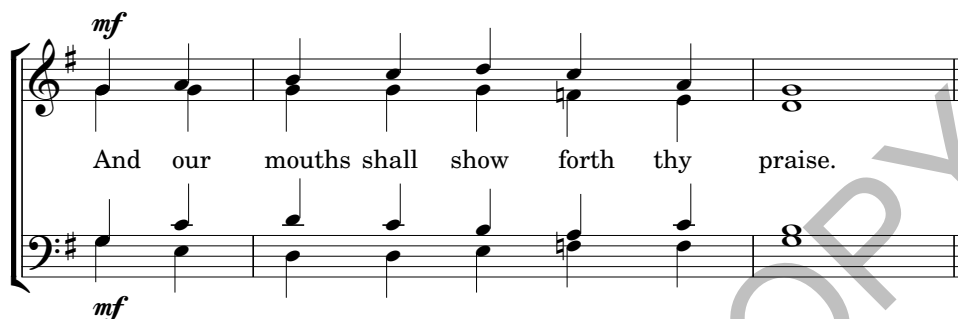
Michael Bedford  
(b. 1949)

## The Preces

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O Lord, open thou our lips:

*mf*



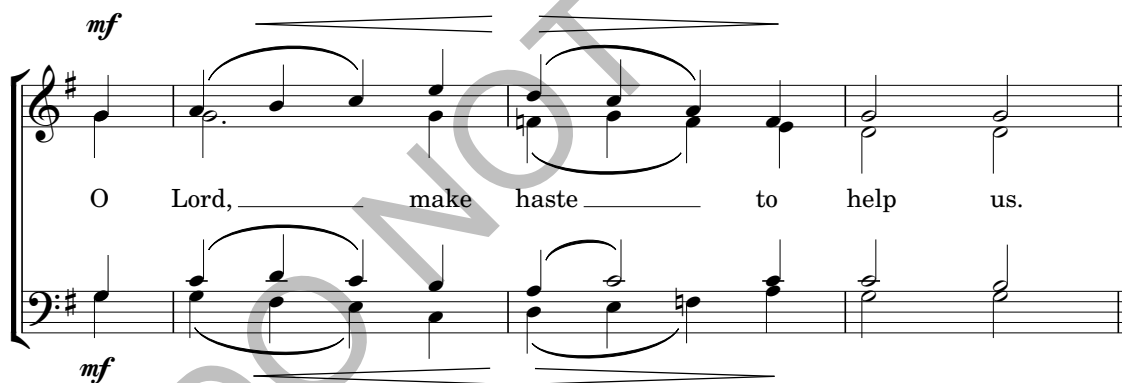
And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

*mf*



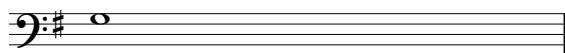
O God, make speed to save us:

*mf*



O Lord, make haste to help us.

*mf*



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

*mp*



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever

*mp*

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shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Praise ye the Lord.

*f* The Lord's Name be praised.

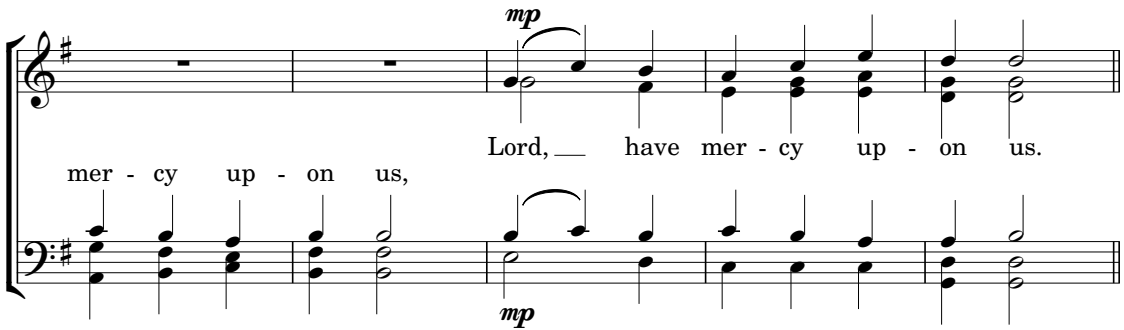
**The Responses**

The Lord be with you.

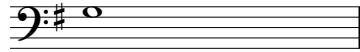
*mp* And with thy spir - it.

Let us pray.

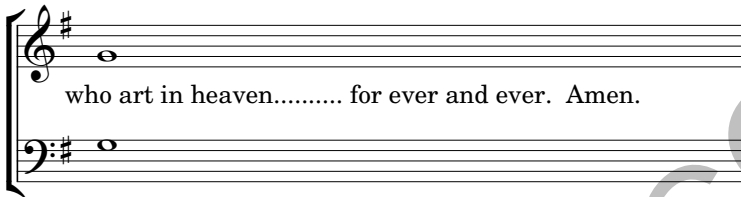
*p* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have



mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Our Father,



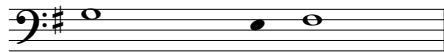
who art in heaven..... for ever and ever. Amen.



O Lord, show thy mercy up-on us:



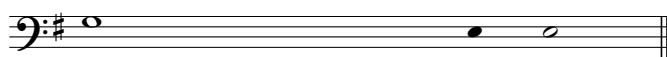
And grant us thy sal - va - tion.



O Lord, save the State:



And mer - ci - ful - ly hear us when we call up - on thee.



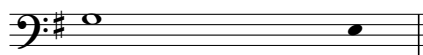
Endue thy ministers with right - eous - ness:

*mf* *f*

And make thy cho - sen peo - ple joy - - -

*mf* *f*

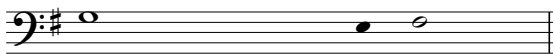
- - - - - ful.



O Lord, save thy peo-ple:

in - her - i - tance.

And bless \_\_\_ thine \_\_\_ in - her - i - tance.



Give peace in our time, O Lord:

*mf*

Be - cause there is none oth - er that

*mf*

*f* *mp* *p*

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

*f* *mp* *p*



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

*mp* *mp* I.

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

*mp* *mp*

II. III. *f* *p*

A - men, A - - - - - men.

*mp* *f* *p*

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