

Preces and Responses

Peter Smith (2022)

These Preces and Responses are intended to be performed with organ accompaniment, but the organ part may be omitted partly or entirely if desired. Suggested unaccompanied passages are indicated in the score.

If preferred, the Cantor's part may be sung unaccompanied on a monotone G.

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BCP, 1662

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The musical score is divided into three systems. The first system features a Cantor part and an Organ part. The Cantor part has the lyrics "O Lord, o - pen Thou our lips:". The Organ part is marked *p* and features a long, sustained chord. The second system features SATB choir parts and an Organ part. The SATB parts have the lyrics "And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.". The Organ part is marked *mf* and *f*, with a *poco rall.* marking and a *ff* dynamic. The third system features a Cantor part and an Organ part. The Cantor part has the lyrics "O God, make speed to save us:". The Organ part is marked *p* and features a long, sustained chord. The fourth system features SATB choir parts and an Organ part. The SATB parts have the lyrics "O Lord, make haste to help us.". The Organ part is marked *mp* and features a *poco rall.* marking.

Cantor
O Lord, o - pen Thou our lips:

Organ
p

Allegro ♩ = 115

SA
f
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

TB
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Org
mf *f* *ff*
Ped.

Cant
O God, make speed to save us:


Organ
p

SA
mp *poco rall.*
O Lord, make haste to help us.

TB
O Lord, make haste to help us.

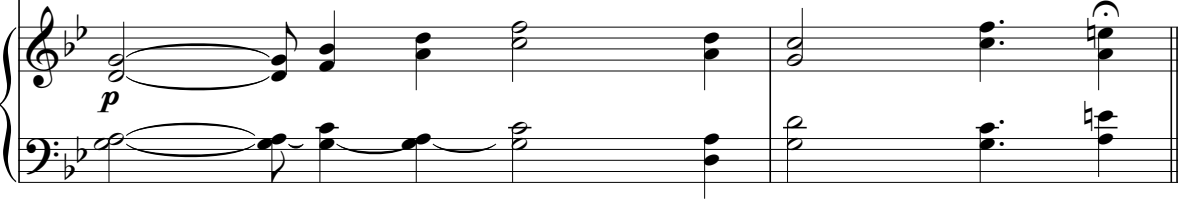
Org
mp
Ped.

Cant



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

Org



p

SA



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and e-ver

TB




As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and e-ver

Org




p *mp* *mf*

SA



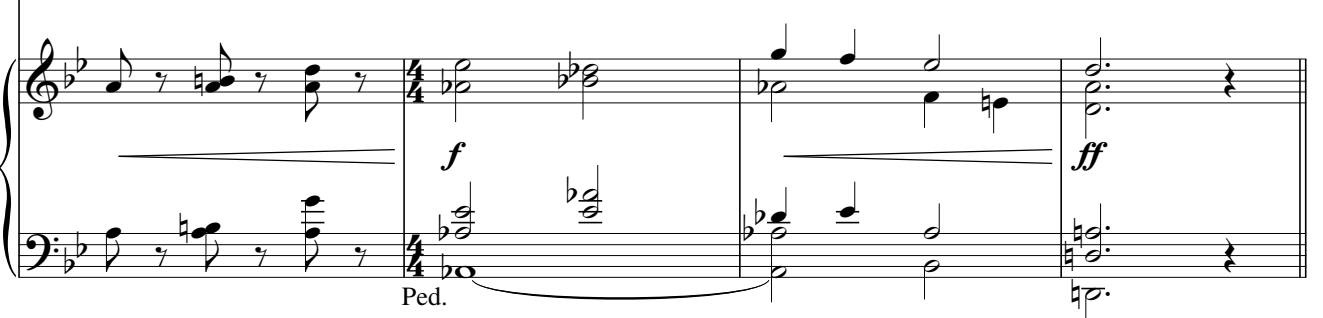
shall be world with-out end. A - men.

TB



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

Org




f *ff*

Ped.

poco rall. *ff*

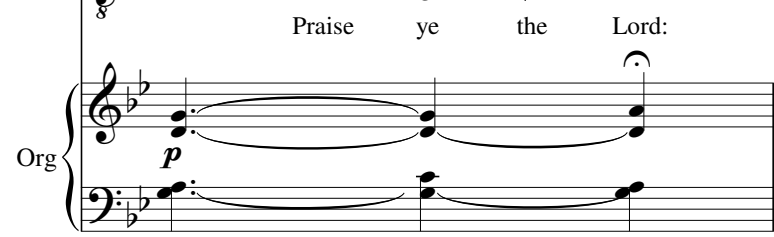
Cant



8

Praise ye the Lord:


Org



p

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the first system. The Cantor part is on a single staff in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5 with a fermata. The Organ part is on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the same key and time. It features a piano (*p*) dynamic and consists of sustained chords: a G4-Bb4 dyad in the right hand and a G3-Bb3 dyad in the left hand, both held for the duration of the Cantor's phrase.


SA



mf **molto rall.** *ff*


The Lord's Name be praised.

TB



The Lord's Name be praised.

Org



mf *f* *ff*

Ped.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the second system. The Soprano Alto (SA) and Tenor Bass (TB) parts are on separate staves in G minor and 3/4 time. The SA part starts with a whole rest, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5 with a fermata. The TB part starts with a whole rest, then a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note Bb3, and a half note C4 with a fermata. The Organ part is on a grand staff. It begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic, playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand. At the 4-measure mark, the time signature changes to 4/4 and the dynamic increases to forte (*f*). At the 8-measure mark, the dynamic increases further to fortissimo (*ff*). A pedal point (Ped.) is indicated in the bass clef of the organ part, consisting of a sustained G3 note.

After the Creed

Cant

The Lord be with you:

Org

Moderato ♩ = 88

SA

And with thy spi - rit.

TB

And with thy spi - rit.

Org

Cant

Let us pray.

Org

Andante ♩ = 78

SA

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

TB

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

Org

Unacc. ad lib.

mp ————— *mf* ————— *p*

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

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

Org *mp* ————— *p*

Poco meno mosso ♩ = 69

SA *mp* Our Fa - ther, which art in Hea - ven, hal - lowed be thy_ Name; Thy king - dom *mf*

TB Our Fa - ther, which art in Hea - ven, hal - lowed be thy_ Name; Thy king - dom

Org *Unacc. ad lib.*

SA come; Thy will be done in earth, ³ is in hea - ven: Give us this day our dai - ly *mp*

TB come; Thy will be done in earth, ³ as it is in hea - ven: Give us this day our dai - ly

Org *mp*

SA
bread; And for-give us our tres - pas-ses, as we for - give them that tres - passa-gainst us;

TB
bread; And for give us our tres - pas-ses, as we for - give them that tres - passa-gainst us;

Org

SA
And lead us not in - to ³ temp - ta - tion, But de -

TB
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de -

Org

SA
li - ver us from e - vil: A - - - - men.

TB
li - ver us from e - vil: A - - - - men.

Org

poco rall. *mf* *p* *poco rit.*

Cant




O Lord, shew thy mer - cy up - on us;

Org




Moderato ♩ = 88

SA




And grant us thy sal - va - tion.

TB



And grant us thy sal - va - tion.

Org



Cant




O Lord, save the King;

Org

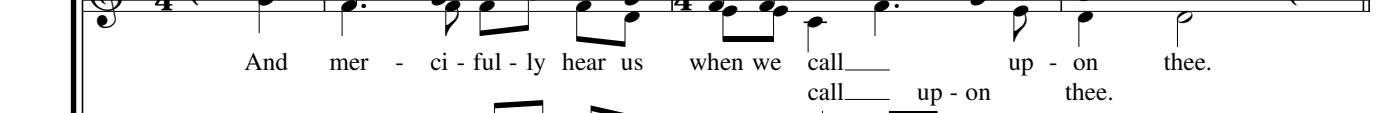


SA




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

TB



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

Org



Cant

En - due thy mi - ni - sters with right - eous - ness;

Org

SA

mf And make thy cho - sen peo - ple joy - - - ful. *f*

TB

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

Org

Cant

O Lord, save thy peo - ple;

Org

Poco più lento ♩ = 78

SA

And bless thine in - he - ri - tance.

TB

And bless thine in - he - ri - tance.

Org

Cant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Org *p*

Risoluto ♩ = 92

poco rit. *ff*

SA *f* Be-cause there is none o-ther that fight-eth for us but on-ly Thou O God. *ff*

TB *f* Be-cause there is none o-ther that fight-eth for us but on-ly Thou O God. *ff*

Org *non legato* *f* *ff*

Ped.

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

Org *p*

Più lento ♩ = 78

poco rall.

SA *p dolce* And take not thy Hol - ly Spi - rit from us. *poco rall.*

TB *p dolce* And take not thy Hol - ly Spi - rit from us.

Org *p dolce*

(first collect)

Cant

Org

SA

mf

A - - - men.

TB

A - - - men.

Org

(second collect)

Cant

O God, from whom all holy desires....
....through the merits of Je - sus Christ, Our Sa - viour.

Org

SA

mp

A - - - men.

TB

A - - - men.

Org

(third collect)

Cant

8 Lighten our darkness...
...for the love of thine only Son, our Sa - viour, Je - sus Christ.

Org

Poco lento ♩ = 63

SA

A - - - - - men.

TB

A - - - - - men.

Org

Unacc. ad lib.