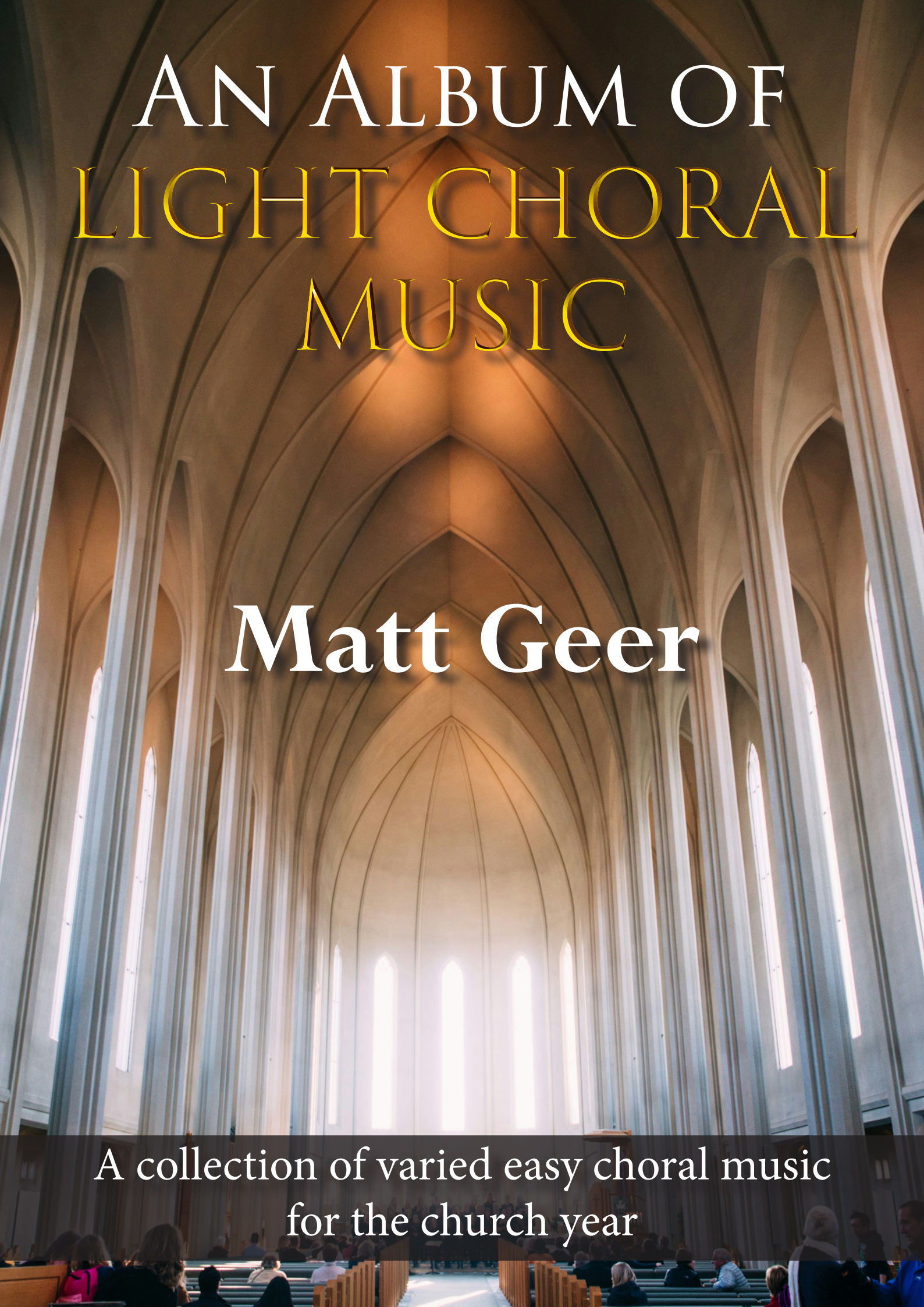
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Composed by Dr Matt Geer

A note from the composer

During my studies and work as a composer, I have held various positions at parish churches as an organist and director of music. Over this time, I began to compile a short album of light choral music that is melodic, singable and easy to pick up by the average choir member, whether they are old or young. In this album, I have included a series of musical works suitable for a variety of the church seasons, including Lent, Advent, Harvest, Christmas and Dedication services and hope that, over time, this album will begin to grow. I am also including a collection of service music, including the Mass of St Agnes, suitable for ordinary time, and the Missa Penitentalis and St Patrick's Service, suitable for the penitential seasons, both without a Gloria.

I do not see these works as outside my compositional practice, which is rooted in the experimental tradition. Rather, I see this as an extension to my work, and value writing a singable melody as much as I enjoy investigateing the particular properties of a sound that I find most interesting at the time.

As some of these works are dedicated to particular choirs and parish churches, I have decided to publish this album as freely available to anyone who wishes to explore this music, hoping that both the choir and congregation will experience the joy of learning a new work.

I dedicate this album to all those who have supported me on my musical journey, and continue to give me guidance and help where I fall short.

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O may we soon

for SATB and organ (2023)

Matt Geer

Ch.
-lest - ial con - sort us u - nite, to live with Him, and sing in end - less
-lest - ial con - sort us u - nite, to live with Him, and sing in end - less
Org.
Ch.
mp
morn of light. That we on
mp
morn of light. That we on
Org.
mp
mp

Ch.
Earth with an un - dis - cor - ding voice, may right - ly an - swer that me - lo - dious
Earth with an un - dis - cor - ding voice, may right - ly an - swer that me - lo - dious
Org.
Ch.
ff
noise; As once we did, til dis - pro - por - tioned sin, jarr'd a -
ff
noise; As once we did, til dis - pro - por - tioned sin, jarr'd a -
Org.
ff

Ch.
- gainst na - tures chimes, and with harsh din.
- gainst na - tures chimes, and with harsh din.
Org.
f

Ch.
f
O may we soon re - new a - gain that song, and keep in
f
O may we sing that song,
Org.

Ch.
tune with heav'n, till God ere long, to His ce - lest - ial con - sort us u -
in tune til God ere long, to His ce - lest - ial con - sort us u -
Org.
Ch.
f
rit.
- nite, to live with Him, and sing in end - less morn of light.
f
- nite, to live with Him, and sing in end - less morn of light.
Org.

The Shepherd's Carol

for choir and organ (2025)

Dr Matt Geer

For the choir of St Thomas' Church, Winchelsea

Up.
Low.
Org.
mf
mp
- cross the skies it shone o'er fields and hill. The an - gels sang, "Now

Up.
Low.
Org.
f
mp
mf
do not fear, for Christ the Lord is born. Glo - ry to God in the
Glo - ry to God in the

Up.
high - est peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Low.
high - est peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Org.
mp

Up.
Low.
mp
The Lord of heav'n comes down to us no throne, no crown, no
Org.

Up.
Low.
Org.
mf
mf
sword, in po - ver - ty He takes His rest, the Christ, the pro - mised

Up.
Low.
Org.
mp
mf
p
mp
mf
p
Word. A child is born, Em - man - u - el, to

Up.
mf
Glo - ry to God in the high - est
Low.
mf
bear the world's deep need.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est
Org.
mf

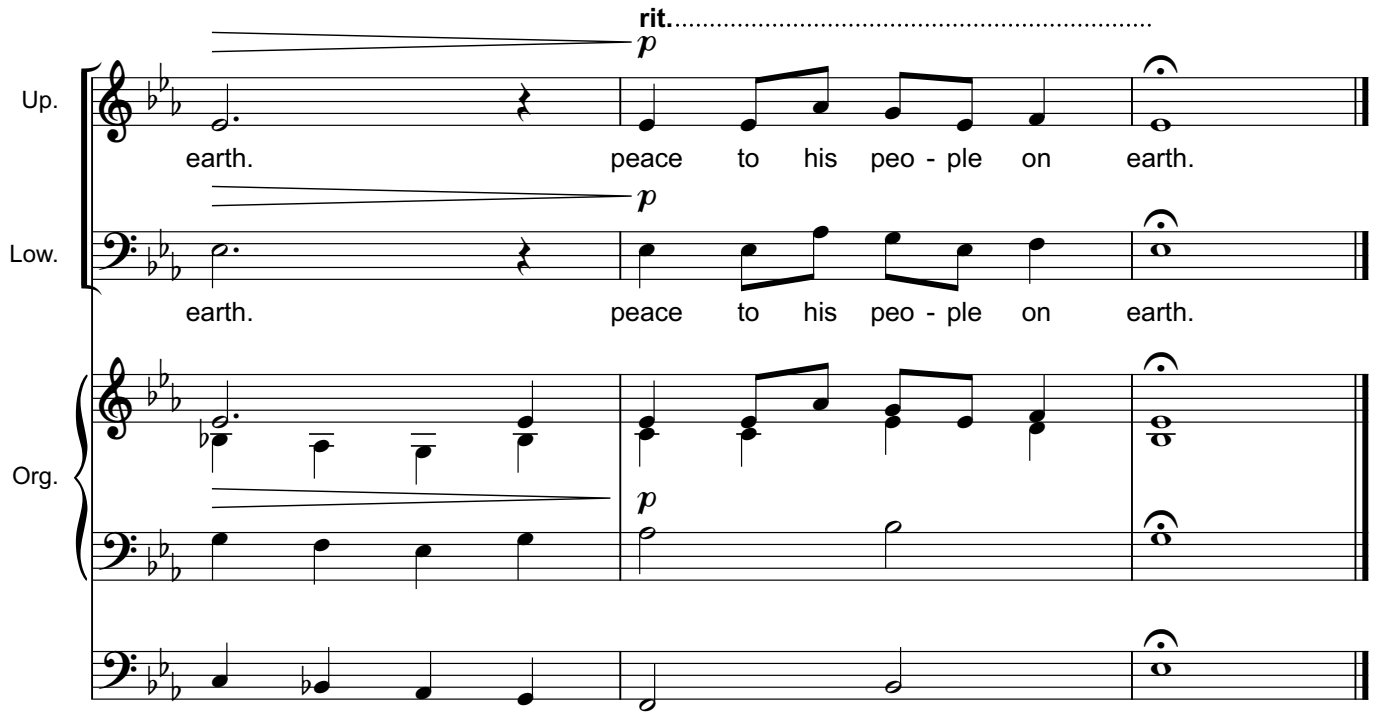
Up.
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Low.
(mf)
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
The
Org.
(mf)

mf
Up.
The shep - herds, so they ran the ho - ly sign. they
Low.
shep - herds ran to Beth - le hem to see the ho - ly sign; they
Org.

Up.
found a babe in swad - dling bands, His shrine! They
Low.
found a babe in swad - dling bands, the man - ger was His shrine. They
Org.

Up.
knelt in awe, then spread the word: "Our Sa - viour Christ is
Low.
knelt in awe, then spread the word: "Our Sa - viour Christ is
Org.

Up.
here." Glo - ry to God in the high - est peace to his peo - ple on
Low.
here." Glo - ry to God in the high - est peace to his peo - ple on
Org.


rit.
p
Up.
earth. peace to his peo - ple on earth.
p
Low.
earth. peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Org.
p

Fair Waved the Golden Corn

for 2-part choir and organ (2024)

Matt Geer

Upper.
Lower.
Org.
morn, went forth the rea - per band, went forth the rea - per joy, went forth the rea - per
forth, went forth the rea - per joy, went forth the rea - per joy, went forth the rea - per
joy! To God so good and
joy! To God so good and
[solo trumpets]
great their cheer - ful thanks they pour; then car - ry
great, their cheer - ful thanks they pour; then car - ry to his

Upper.
Lower.
Org.
to his tem - ple - gate the choi - cest of their store, the choi - cest of their
tem - ple - gate the tem - ple gate, the tem - ple gate, the choi - cest of their
store, the choi - cest of their store.
store, the choi - cest of their store.
[solo trumpets]
mp
Like Is - rael, Lord, we give, our ear - liest fruits to thee, and
Like Is - rael, Lord, we give, our ear - liest fruits to thee, and

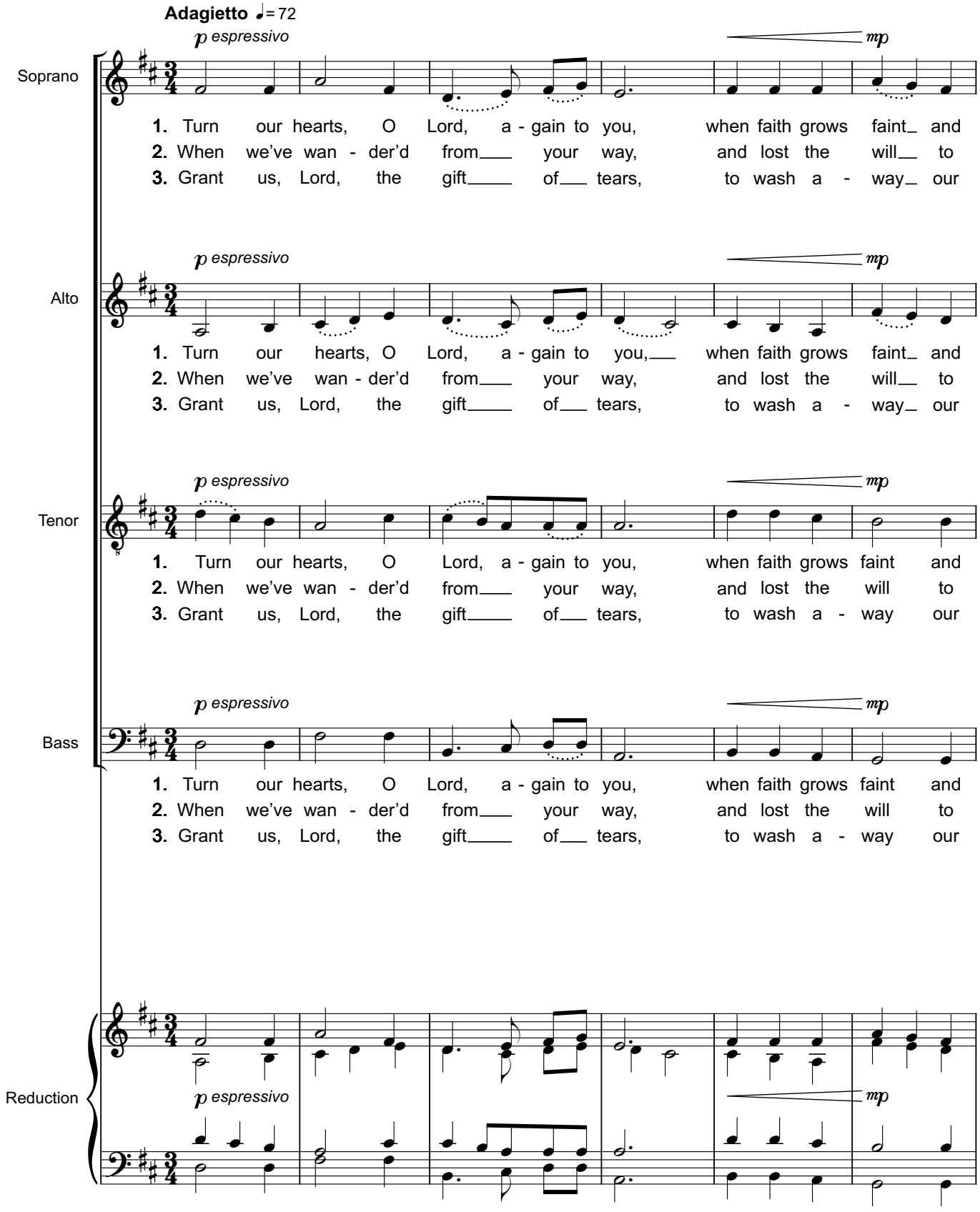
Upper.
Lower.
Org.
pray that, long as we shall live, we may be chil - dren be. we may be chil - dren be.
pray that, long as we shall live, we may be chil - dren be. we may be chil - dren be.
f
In
f
In
(mf)
f
wis - dom let__ us grow, as years and strength are gi - ven,
wis - dom let__ us grow, as years and strength are gi - ven, that
f

Upper.
Lower.
Org.
that we may serve, that we may serve, that we may
we may serve, that we may serve, that we may serve the
serve be - low and join thy saints in hea - ven, and join thy saints in
church be - low, and join thy saints in hea - ven, and join thy saints in
rit.
hea - - ven. and join thy saints in hea - ven.
hea - - ven. and join thy saints in hea - ven.

Turn our hearts, O Lord

for choir (2025)

Matt Geer



S.
A.
T.
B.
Red.
mf
1. hope is few; Re - new us in the joy of
2. watch and pray, For - give the wrongs our hearts have
3. doubts and fears; Then lead us on to Ea - ster
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2. watch and pray, For - give the wrongs our hearts have
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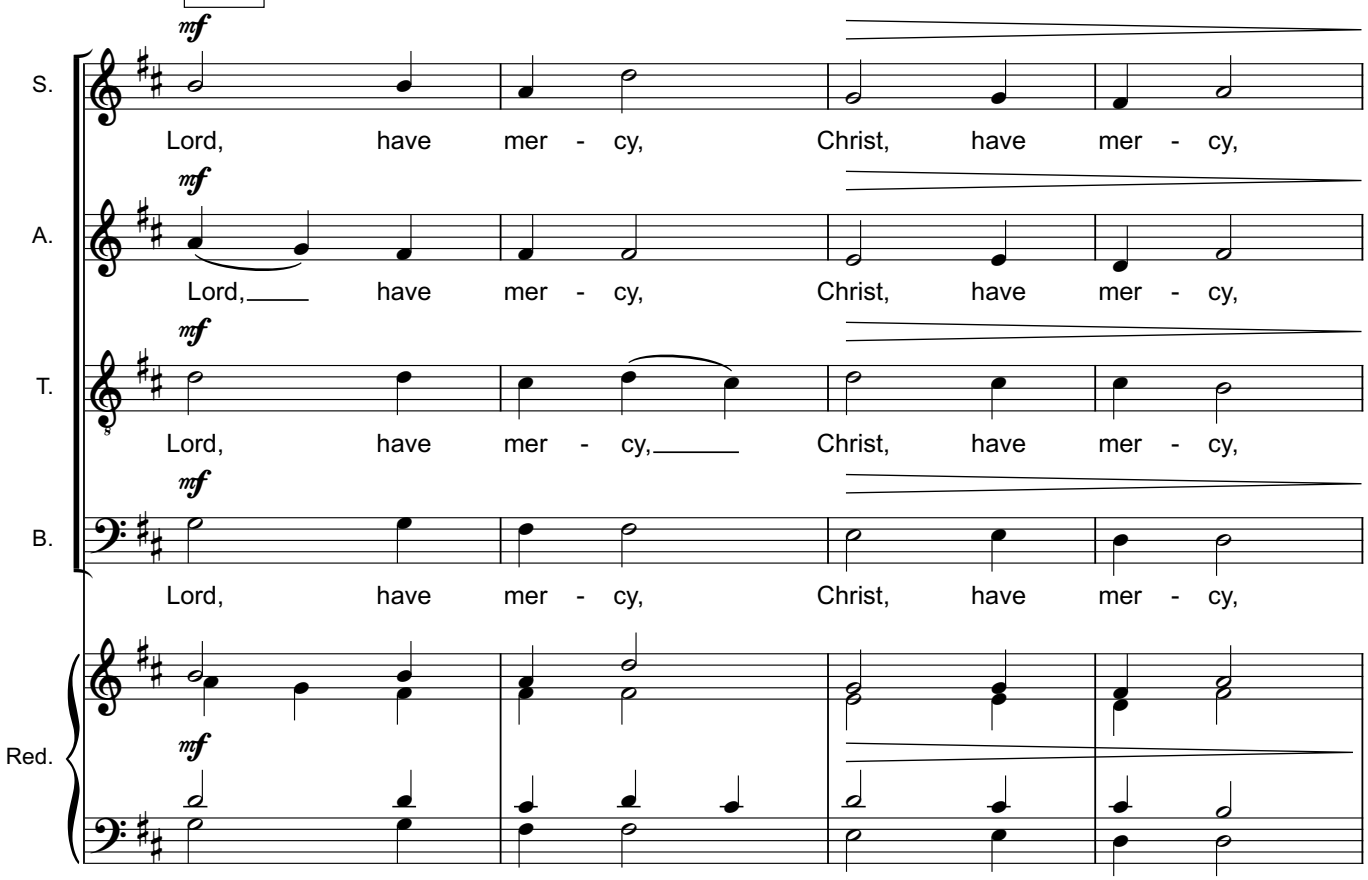
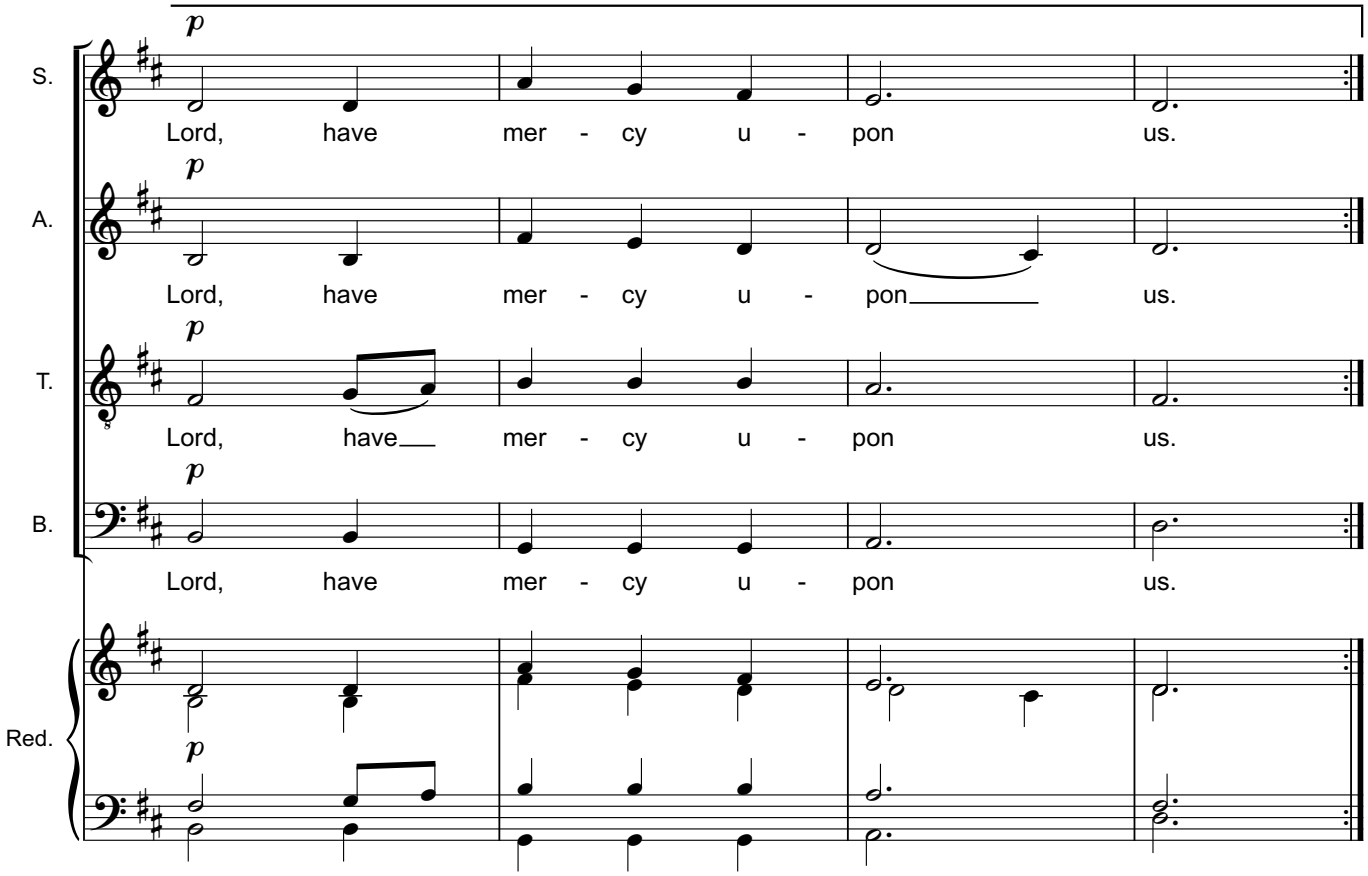
2. watch and pray, For - give the wrongs our hearts have
3. doubts and fears; Then lead us on to Ea - ster

S.
mp
1. grace, and shine your mer - cy on our face.
2. done, and guide us home, O ho - ly one.
3. light, through pe - - ni - tance and through the night.
A.
mp
1. grace, and shine your mer - cy on our face.
2. done, and guide us home, O ho - ly one.
3. light, through pe - - ni - tance and through the night.
T.
mp
1. grace, and shine your mer - cy on our face.
2. done, and guide us home, O ho - ly one.
3. light, through pe - - ni - tance and through the night.
B.
mp
1. grace, and shine your mer - cy on our face.
2. done, and guide us home, O ho - ly one.
3. light, through pe - - ni - tance and through the night.
Red.
mp

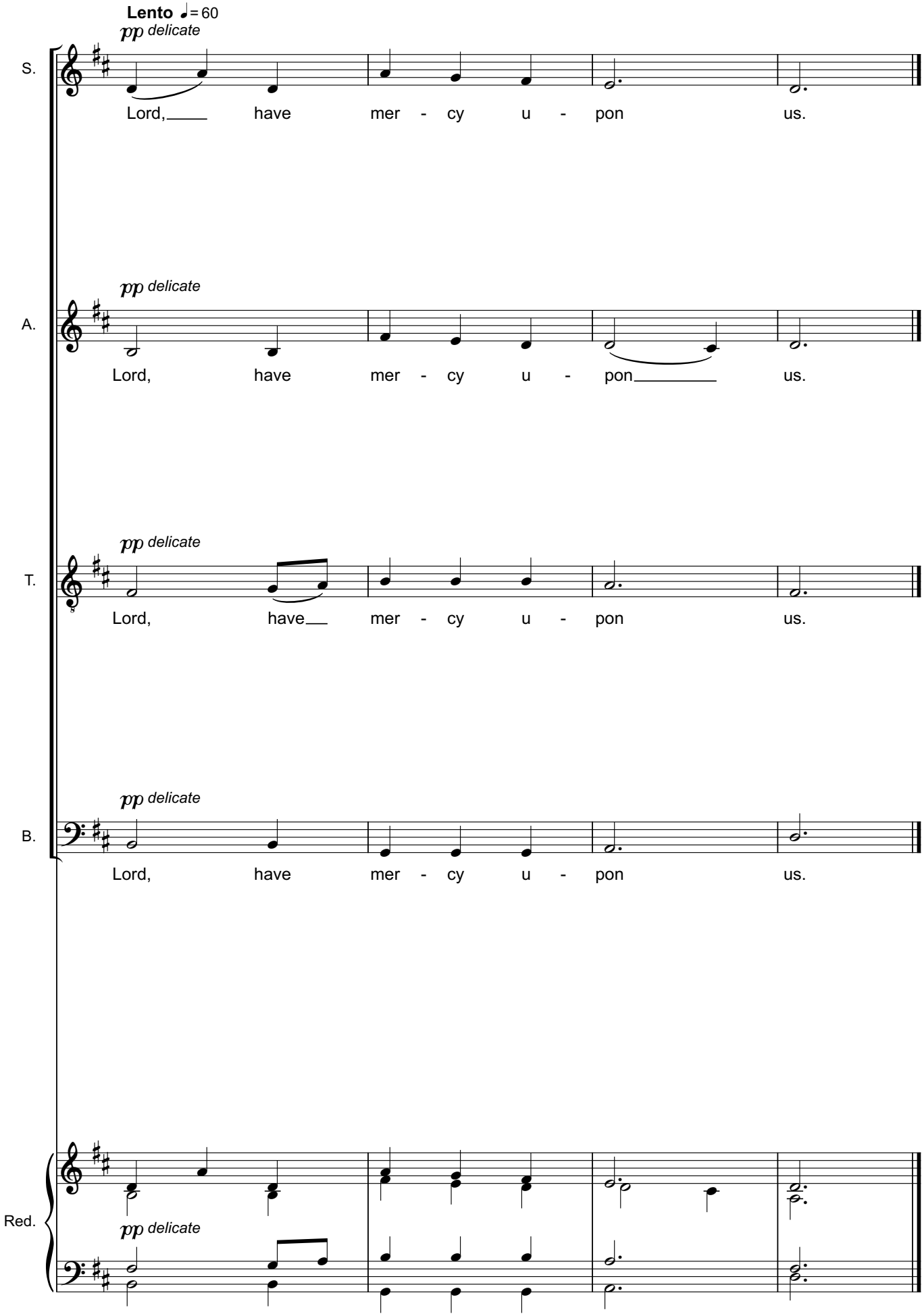
1.2.

Refrain


S.
A.
T.
B.
Red.
mf
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,


S.
A.
T.
B.
Red.
p
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.

3.
Refrain
mf
S.
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
A.
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
T.
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
B.
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Red.
rit.
p
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.


Lento ♩= 60
pp delicate
S.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
pp delicate
A.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
pp delicate
T.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
pp delicate
B.
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.
Red.
pp delicate

The Lord's Prayer

for choir and organ (2025)

Matt Geer

Upp.
Low.
Org.
mf
earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for -
earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for -
mp
-give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a -
-give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a -
- gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion; but de - li - ver us from
- gainst us. not in - to temp - ta - tion; but de - li - ver us from

Upp.
Low.
Org.
f
e - vil. For thine is the pow - er and the glo - ry for e - ver and
mp
e - - - - - ver. A - - - men.
rit.

Prayer of St Richard

for choir and organ (2025)

Matt Geer

V.
Bar.
Org.
borne for us: O most mer - ci - ful Re - dee - mer, Friend and Bro - ther, may we now thee more
clear - ly, and love thee more dear - ly and fol - low thee more near - ly.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

O be joyful in the Lord

for choir and organ (2025)

Matt Geer

V.
Bar.
Org.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that made us, and
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that made us, and
not we our - selves; we are his peo - ple, and the sheep of his pas - ture. O
not we our - selves; we are his peo - ple, and the sheep of his pas - ture. O
go your way in - to his gates with thanks - giv - ing and in - to his courts with
go your way in - to his gates with thanks - giv - ing and in - to his courts with

rit.
V.
praise: be thank - ful un - to him, and speak good of his Name. For the
Bar.
praise: be thank - ful un - to him, and speak good of his Name. For the
Org.
a tempo
V.
Lord is gra - cious, his mer - cy is e - ver - last - ing: and his truth en - durs for -
Bar.
Lord is gra - cious, his mer - cy is e - ver - last - ing and his truth en - durs for -
Org.
rit.
V.
- e - ver from ge - ne - ra - tion to ge - ne - ra - tion. A - men.
Bar.
- e - ver from ge - ne - ra - tion to ge - ne - ra - tion. A - men.
Org.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

for choir and organ (2025)

Matt Geer

Upp.
Low.
Org.
ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shade of night; Day - spring from on high, be near;
Upp.
Low.
Org.
Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Upp.
Low.
Org.
Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa -

Upp.
Low.
Org.
- nied by Thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn, till Thy mer - cy's beams I see,
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
Vis - it
Vis - it then this

Upp.
Low.
Org.
then this soul, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me ra - di - an - cy di - vine,
soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine,
scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more Thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the
scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more Thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the
rit.
per - fect day.
per - fect day.

O nata lux

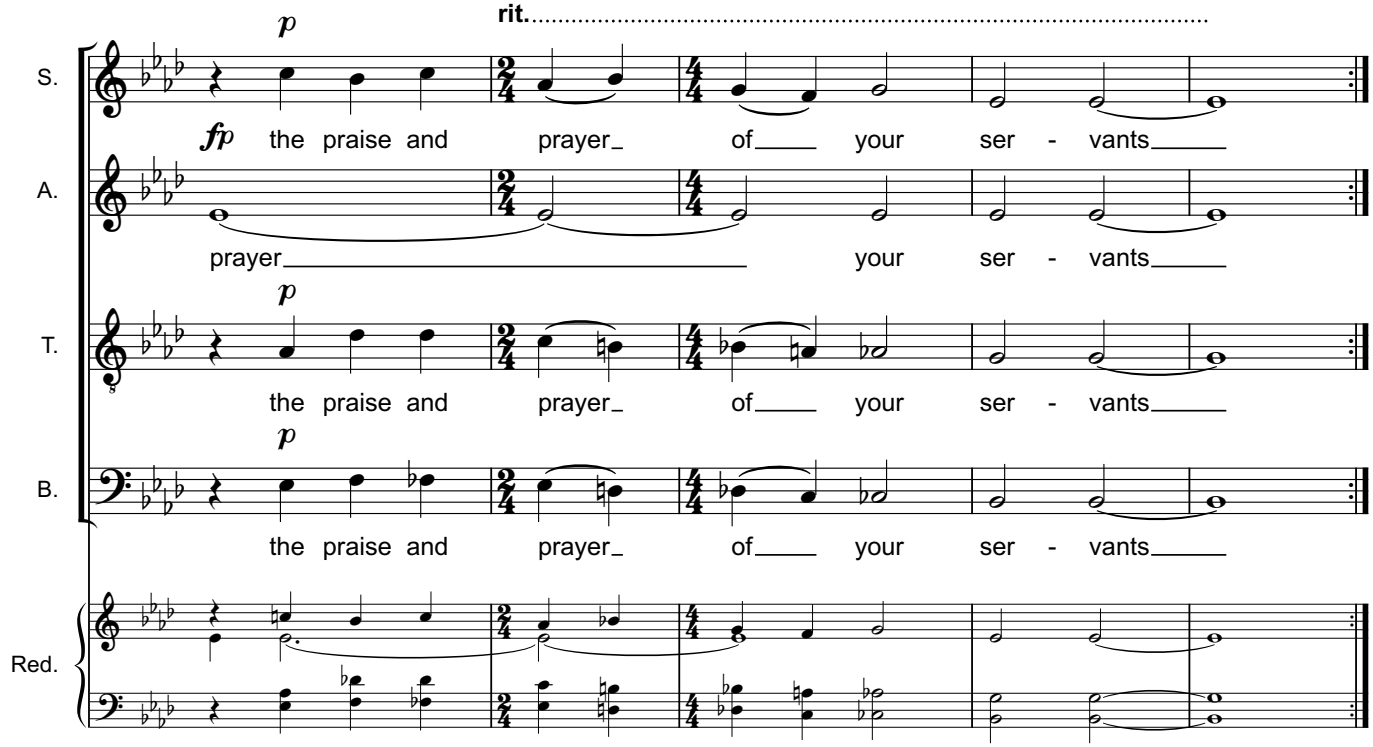
for choir (2025)

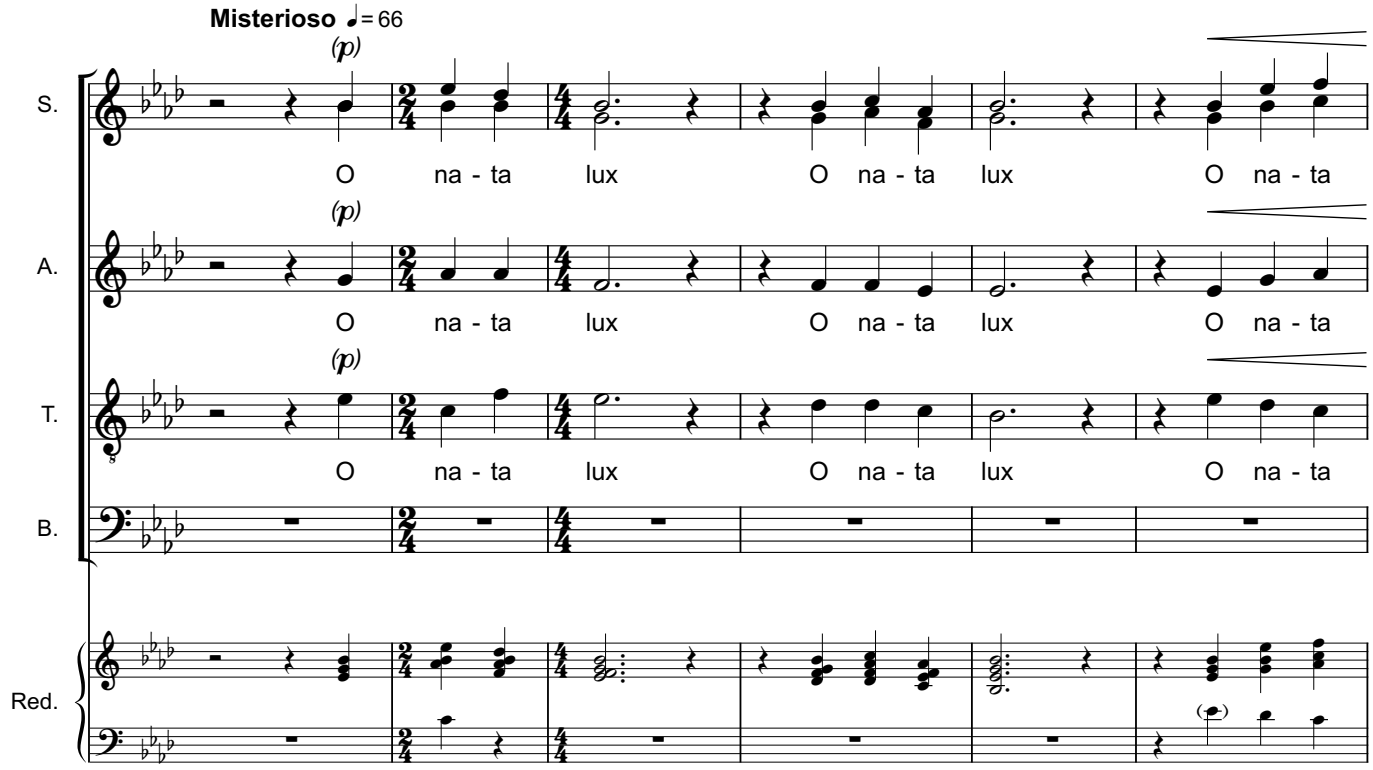
Matt Geer

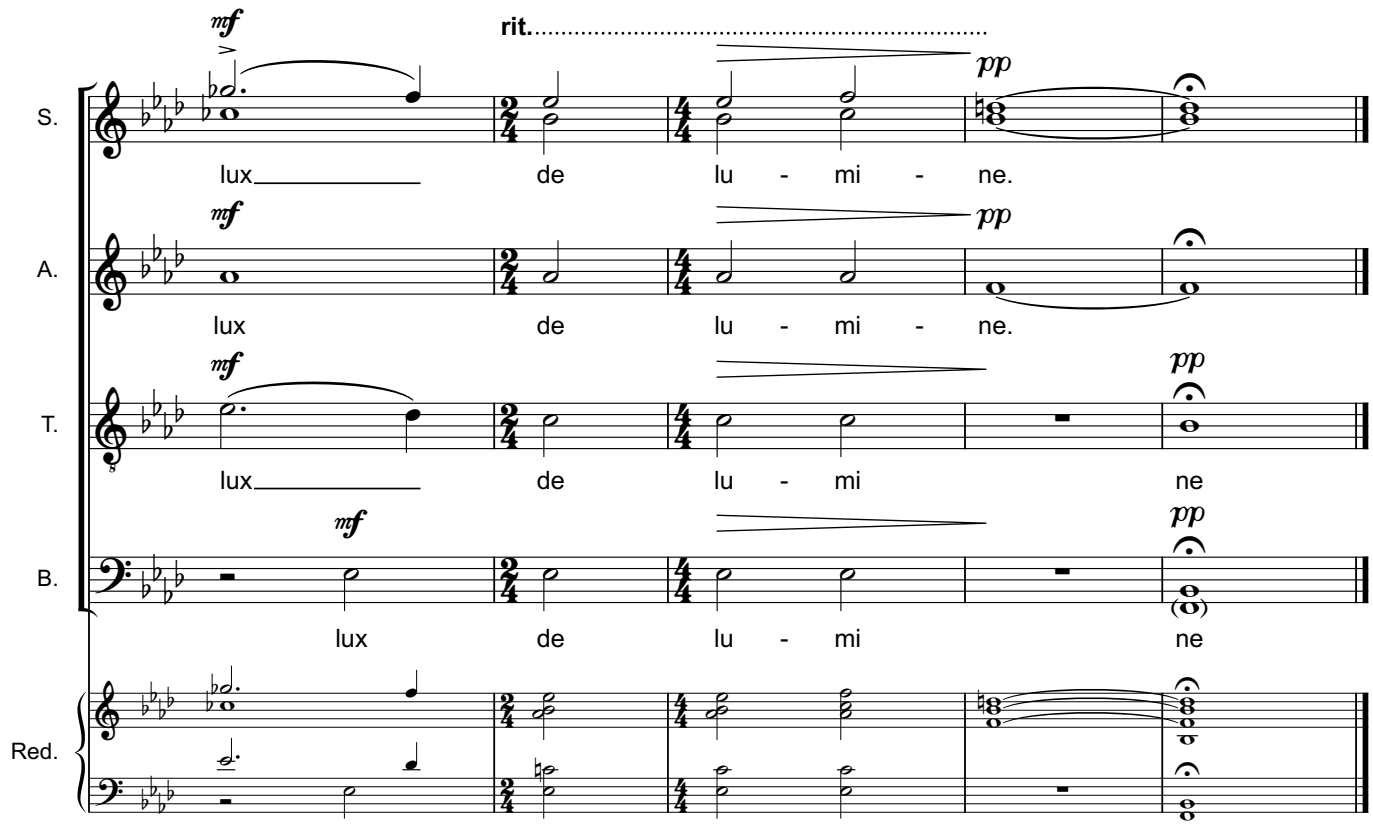
S.
mf
p
lux de lu - mi - ne. Je - su, re -
light by love in - clined Je - sus re -
A.
mf
p
lux de lu - mi - ne. Je - su, re -
light by love in - clined Je - sus re -
T.
mf
p
lux de lu - mi - ne. Je - su
light by love in - clined Je - sus
B.
mf
p
lux de lu - mi - ne. Je - su
light by love in - clined Je - sus
Red.

S.
pp
rit.
- demp - tor sae - cu - li, re - demp - tor sae - cu - li
- dee - mer of the world re - dee - mer of the world
A.
pp
- dem - tor sae - cu - li, re - demp - tor sae - cu - li
- dee - mer of the world re - dee - mer of the world.
T.
re - demp - tor sae - cu - li
re - dee - mer of the world
B.
mp
re - demp - tor sae - cu - li Je -
re - dee - mer of the world
Red.

Slightly quicker ♩= 80
mp
S.
with lo - ving kind - ness deign to re - ceive with praise
mp
mp
A.
with lo - ving kind - ness deign to re - ceive with praise and
mp
mp
T.
with lo - ving kind - ness deign to re - ceive with praise
(staggered breathing)
B.
- su with praise
Red.


p
rit.
S.
fp the praise and prayer of your ser - vants
A.
prayer your ser - vants
p
T.
the praise and prayer of your ser - vants
p
B.
the praise and prayer of your ser - vants
Red.


Misterioso ♩= 66
(p)
S.
O na - ta lux O na - ta lux O na - ta
A.
O na - ta lux O na - ta lux O na - ta
T.
O na - ta lux O na - ta lux O na - ta
B.
Red.


mf
rit.
pp
S.
lux de lu - mi - ne.
A.
lux de lu - mi - ne.
T.
lux de lu - mi ne
B.
lux de lu - mi ne
Red.

Mass of St Agnes

(Revised 2019/20)

Dr Matt Geer

Kyrie

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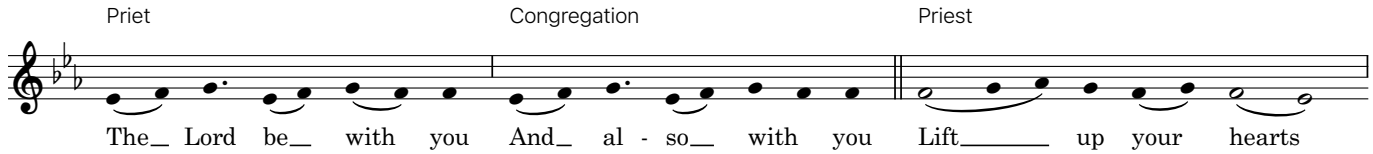
Gloria

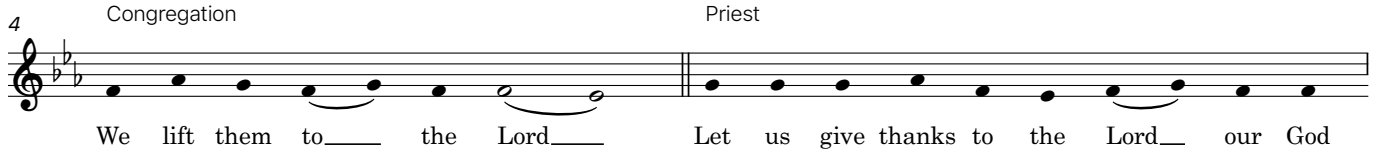
(♩. = c. 80)
f
5
f
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly
10
King, al - migh - ty God_ and Fa - ther. We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
15
praise You for Your glo - ry.

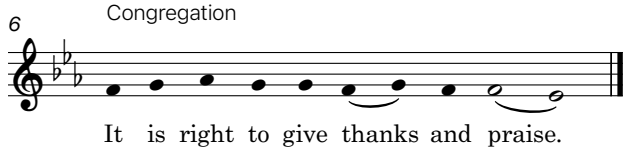
20
mf
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of God You take a - way the
27
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. You are
32
sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.
36
f
For You a - lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the

Alleluia (Easter Alleluia)

Sursum Corda (Authentic Traditional Tone)





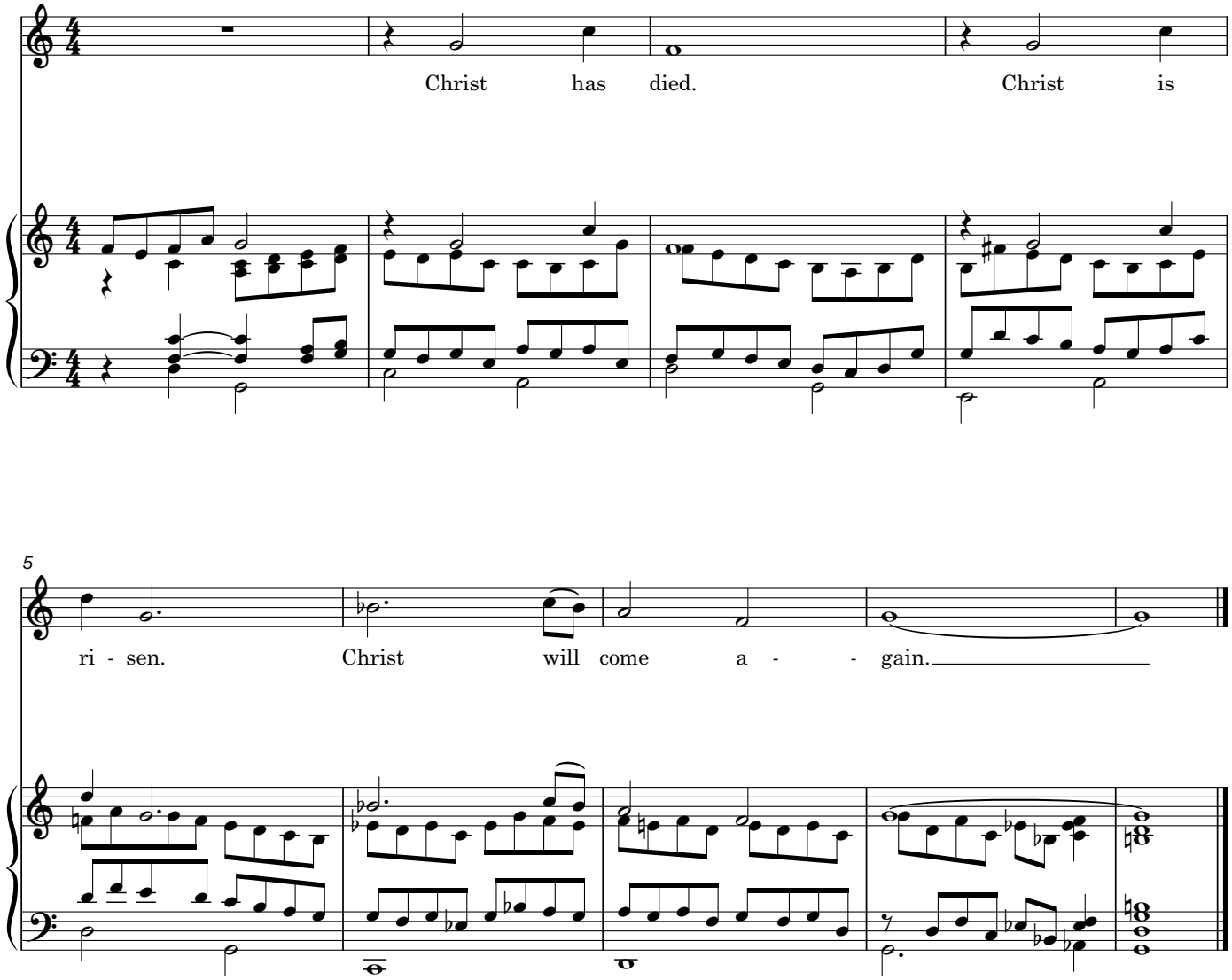


Sanctus and Benedictus

Sanctus

5
mf
Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
8
might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
11
mp
- san - na in the high - est. Bles - - sed is
mp
14
he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation



(Descant)

Great Amen

By whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end...

Agnus Dei

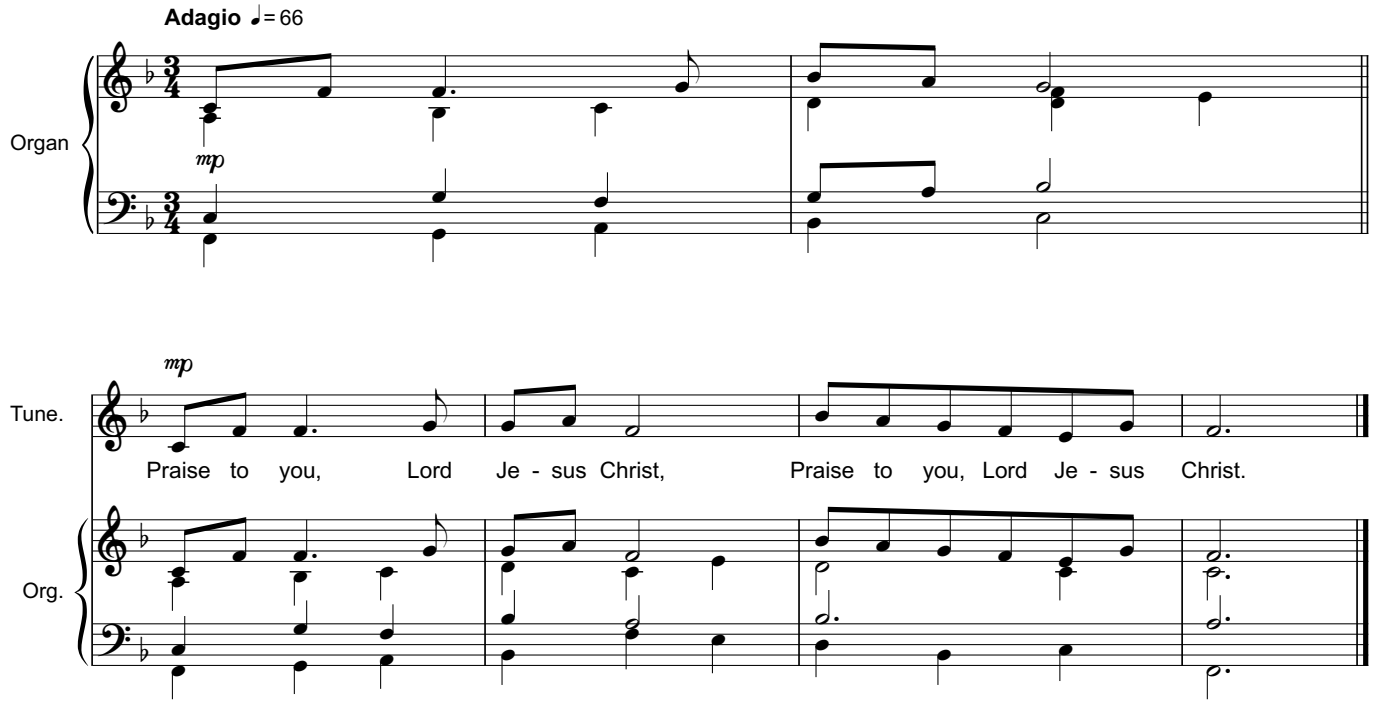
Missa Penitentialis

Unison setting for the Penetential Seasons

Matt Geer

Kyrie

Gospel Acclimation



Sanctus and Benedictus

Memorial Acclimation (A)

Memorial Acclimation (B)

Great Amen

Agnus Dei

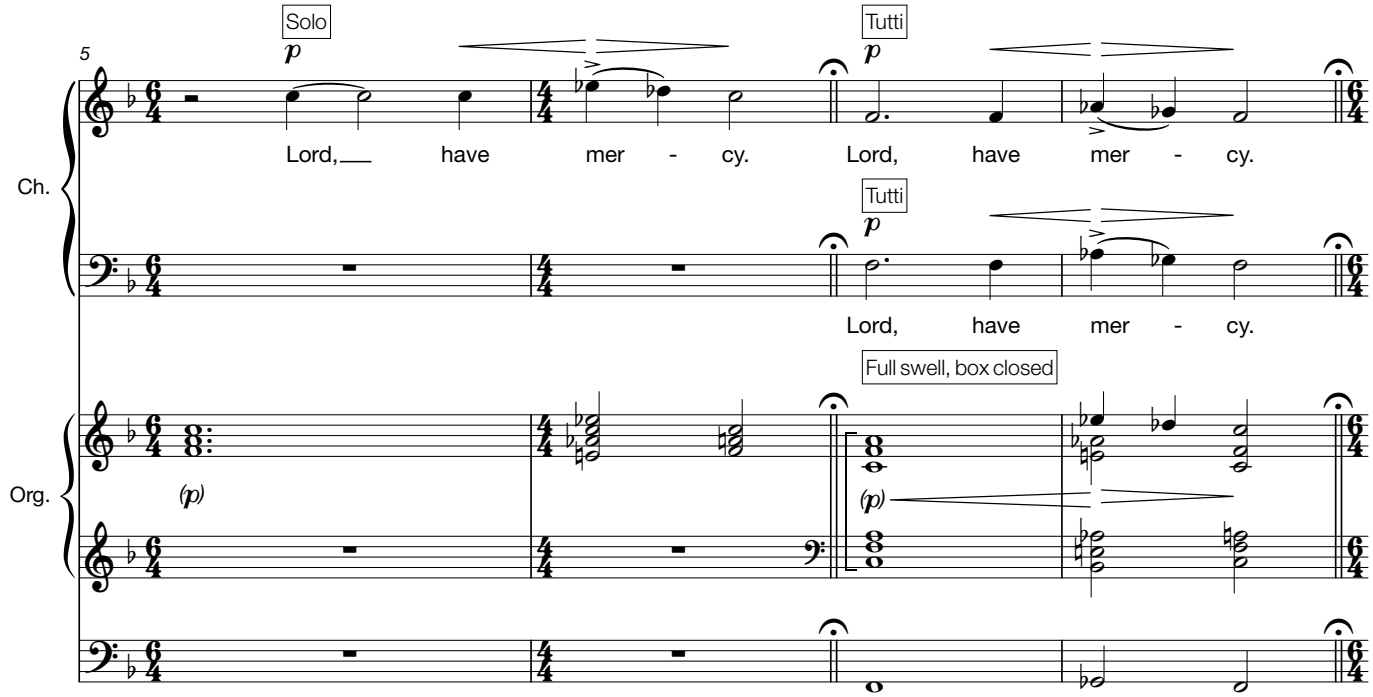
Adagio ♩= 66
Tune
Organ
p
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
1.2.
3.
Tune.
sins of the_ world, have mer - cy on_ us.
world, grant us peace.
Org.

St Patrick's Service

for choir and organ (2022)

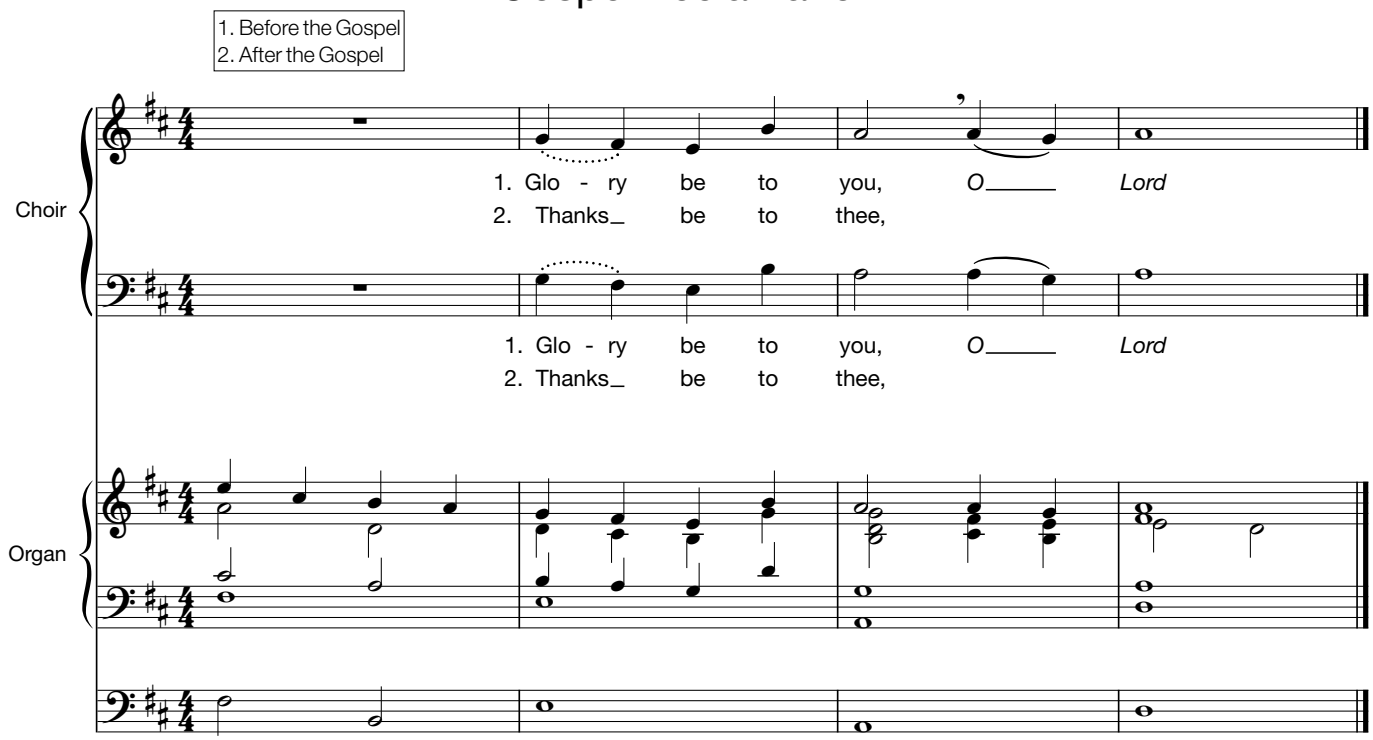
Matt Geer

Kyrie



9
Solo
p
Tutti
mp
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ch.
Tutti
mp
Christ, have mer - cy.
Gt. 8' Flute
Full swell, box closed
mp
Org.
13
Solo
p
Tutti
p
pp
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.
Ch.
Tutti
p
pp
Lord, have mer - - cy.
Full swell, box closed
p
pp
Org.

Gospel Acclamation



Sanctus and Benedictus

1st time: Cantor/soloist (p)
2nd time: Tutti (f)
5
Ch.
Org.
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are
11
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the High - est.
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na Ho - san - na in the High - est.
18
Cantor/soloist only
p
Tutti
f
Bles - sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho-
f
Ho - san - na Ho-
p
mf

25
Ch.
- san - na in the High - - est.
- san - na in the High - - est.
Org.
p

Agnus Dei

Adagietto ♩= 72
(Upper voices)
p
Tutti
mp
Choir
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin__ of the world. Have
mp
Have
Organ
p

6
Ch.
mer - cy on us.
(Lower voices)
p
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin__ of the
Org.
mp
p
Tutti
mp
11
Ch.
Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
mp
world. Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the
Org.
mp
16
Ch.
mf
p
sin__ of the world. Have mer - - cy on us.
mf
p
sin__ of the world. Have mer - - cy on us.
Org.
mf
p

The Hastings Service

for choir and organ (2025)

Matt Geer

Magnificat

Upp.
mf
he hath re - gar - ded: the low - li - ness of his hand - mai - den. For be -
Low.
mf
he hath re - gar - ded: the low - li - ness of his hand - mai - den. For be -
Org.
mf

Upp.
- hold, from hence - forth all ge - ne - ra - tions shall call me bles - sed. for
Low.
- hold, from hence - forth all ge - ne - ra - tions shall call me bles - sed.
Org.

Upp.
he that is migh - ty for he that is migh - ty hath mag - ni - fi - ed me: and ho - ly is his
Low.
For he that is migh - ty hath mag - ni - fi - ed me. and ho - ly is his
Org.

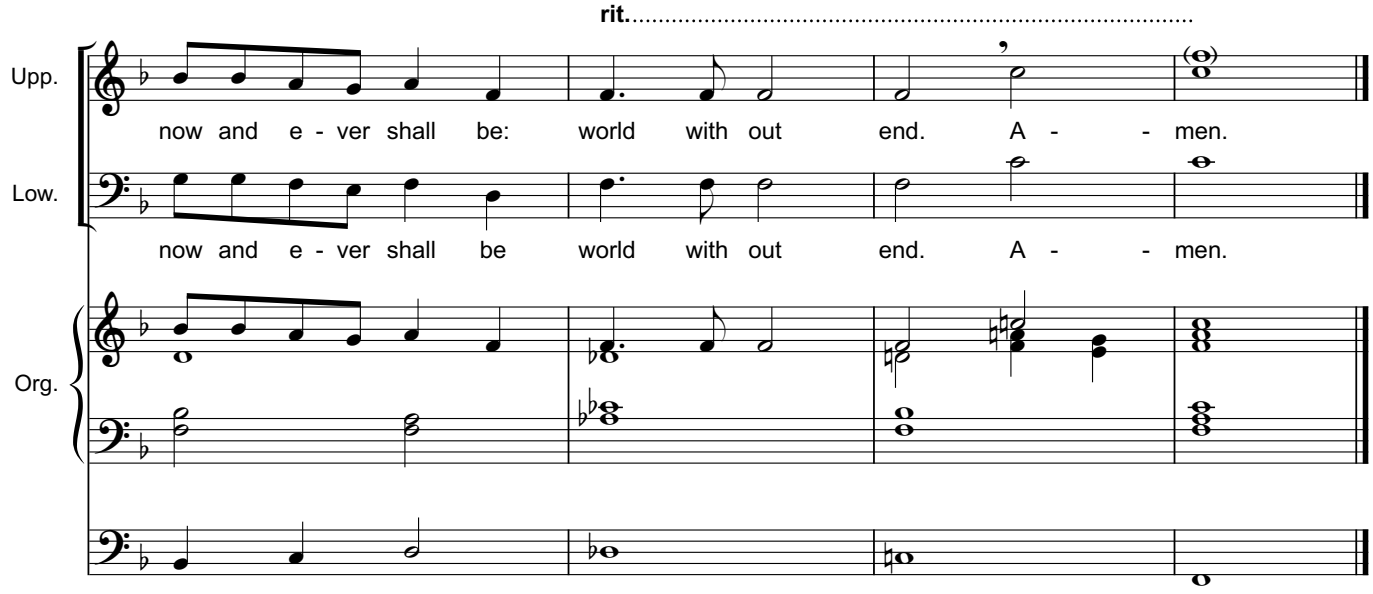
Upp.
mp
mf
name. And his mer - cy is on them_ that_ fear him: through - out all ge - ne -
Low.
mp
mf
name. And his mer - cy that_ fear him: through - out all ge - ne -
Org.
mp
mf

Upp.
mp
- ra - tions. He hath shew - ed - strength with his arm: he hath
Low.
mp
- ra - tions. He hath she - wed with his arm:
Org.
mp
Upp.
mf
scat - ter - ed the proud in the i - ma - gi - na - tion of their hearts. He,
Low.
mf
he hath scat - ter - ed the proud in of their hearts. He,
Org.

Upp.
f
he hath put down the migh - ty from their seat: and hath ex - al - ted the hum - ble and
Low.
f
he hath put down the migh - ty from their seat: and hath ex - al - ted the hum - blr and
Org.
Upp.
mp
meek. He hath fil - led the hun - gry with good things: and the rich he hath sent em - pty a -
Low.
mp
meeh. He hath fil - led the hun - gry with good things: he hath emp - ty a -
Org.
mp

Upp.
Low.
Org.
mf
- way. He re - mem - ber - ing his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant
- way. He re - mem - ber - ing his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant
p
Is - ra el: as he pro - mis'd to our fore - fa - thers, A - bra - ham and his
Is - ra - el: as he pro - mis'd to our fore - fa - thers, A - bra - ham and his

Upp.
seed, for e - ver.
Glo - ry be__ to the
Low.
seed, for e - ver.
Glo - ry be__ to the
Org.
Upp.
Fa - ther,__ and to the Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ing, is
Low.
Fa - ther,__ and to the Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ing, is
Org.


rit.
Upp.
now and e - ver shall be: world with out end. A - - men.
Low.
now and e - ver shall be world with out end. A - - men.
Org.

Nunc Dimittis

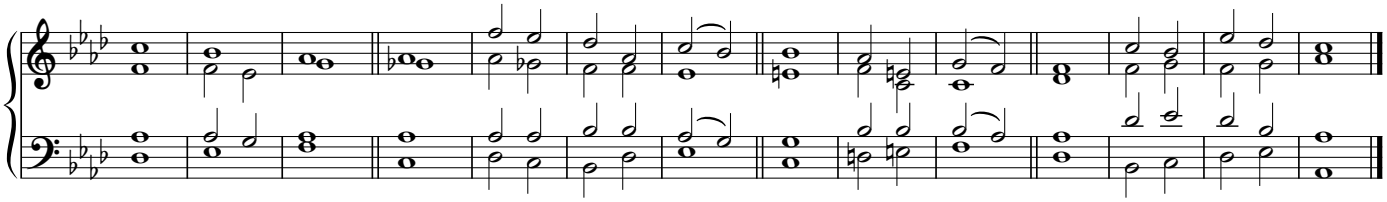
Upp.
mf
seen thy sal - va - ti - on, Which thou hast pre - pa - red: be - fore_ the face of all
Low.
mf
seen: thy sal - va - ti - on, Which thou hast pre - pa - red: be - fore_ the face of all
Org.
mf
(divisi.)
p
mf
(unis.)
Upp.
peo - - ple; To be a light_ to ligh - ten the Gen - -
Low.
p
mf
peo - - ple; To be a light_ to ligh - ten the Gen - -
Org.
p
mf

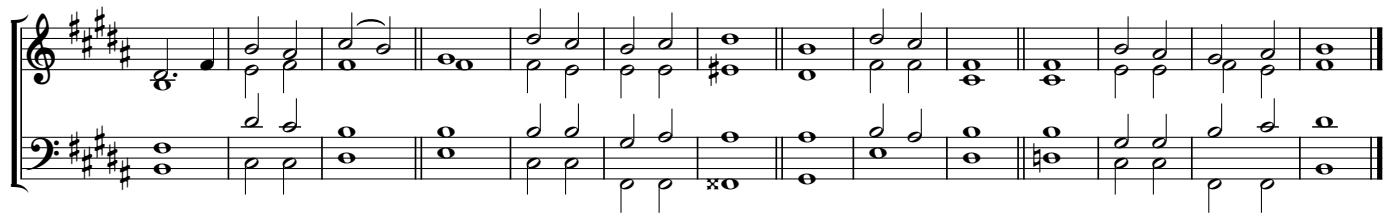
Upp.
mp
(divisi.)
(unis.)
- tiles: and to be the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Low.
mp
- tiles: and to be the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Org.

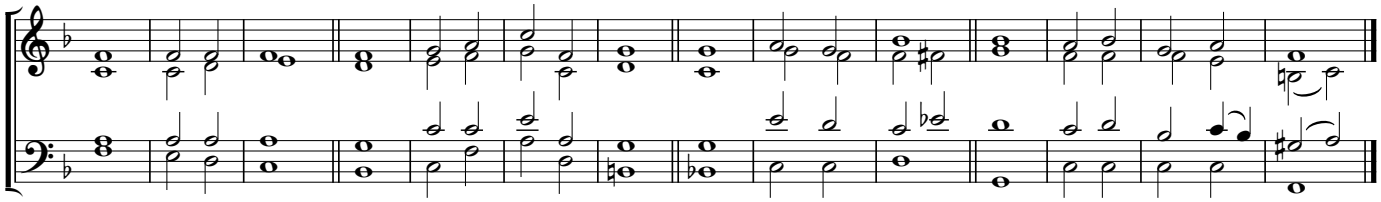
Upp.
mf
Glo - - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son:
Low.
mf
Glo - - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son:
Org.
mf

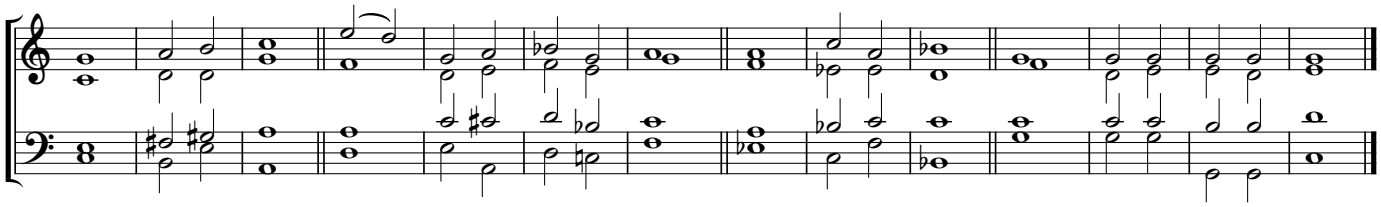
Upp.
Low.
Org.
f
and to the Ho - - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
mp
p
now, and e - ver shall be: world with - out end. A - - men.

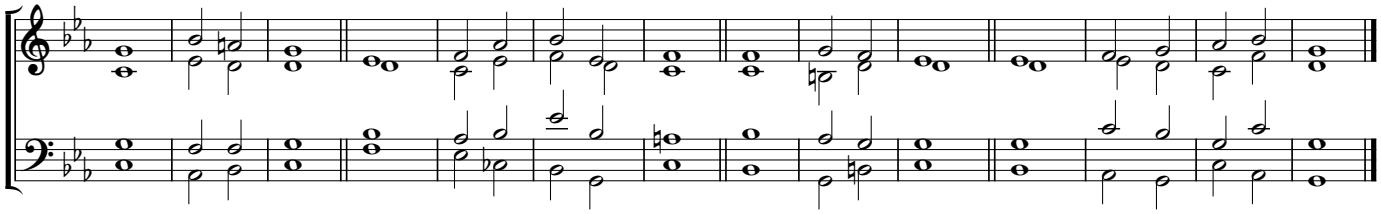
A short collection of Psalm chants











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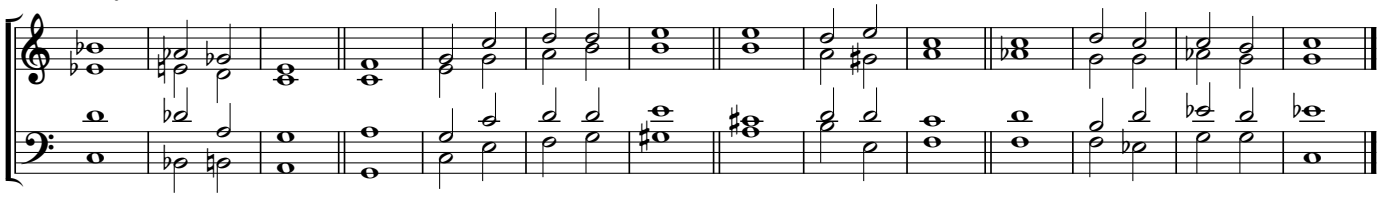

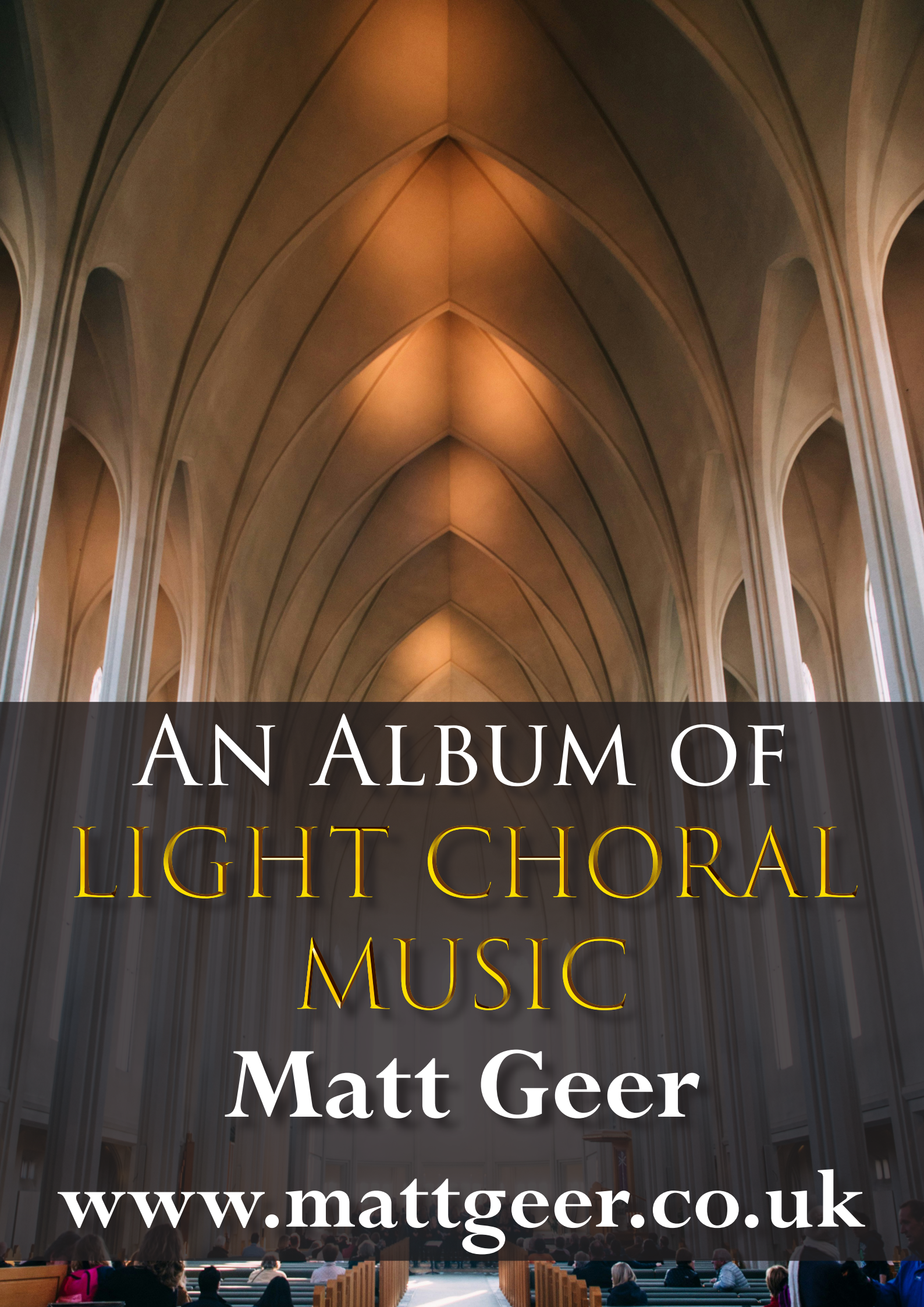

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