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PERFORMANCE NOTES

All organ stops and registrations are suggestions only and are left to the discretion of the organist

Breath marks are suggestions only

Accidentals apply throughout the bar.

The *mmm* sound is a resonant humming sound, perhaps with a slightly open mouth if necessary to create a fuller sound.

First performed by the Choir of Selwyn College, Cambridge, conducted by Sarah MacDonald at the Chapel of Selwyn College, Cambridge on the 23 October 2011

London premiere by the Choir of Selwyn College, Cambridge, conducted by Sarah MacDonald at St Paul's Cathedral, London on the 17 March 2014

A recording of this piece is available on *Phillip Cooke: Choral Music* released on Regent Records, REGCD411

Duration: 10 minutes

Cover photograph: Gloucester Cathedral: Stained Glass in South Ambulatory

Chapel

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PROGRAMME NOTE

My setting of the *Evening Service* is a relatively simple piece, largely homophonic and rooted in a claustrophobic modal C# minor. The work is more influenced by the sensual, evocative nature of these two well-worn poems then any strong liturgical impulse. That being said, the mood, ambience and acoustic of a great cathedral haunt the piece like a benevolent spirit, its influence tangible, yet distant and ethereal - like much of the English choral repertoire of the past hundred years.

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TEXT

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed

For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek

He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Nunc dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

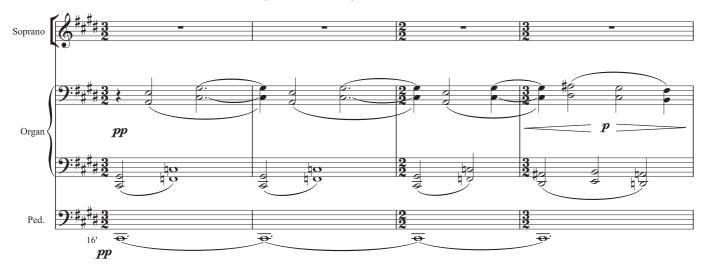
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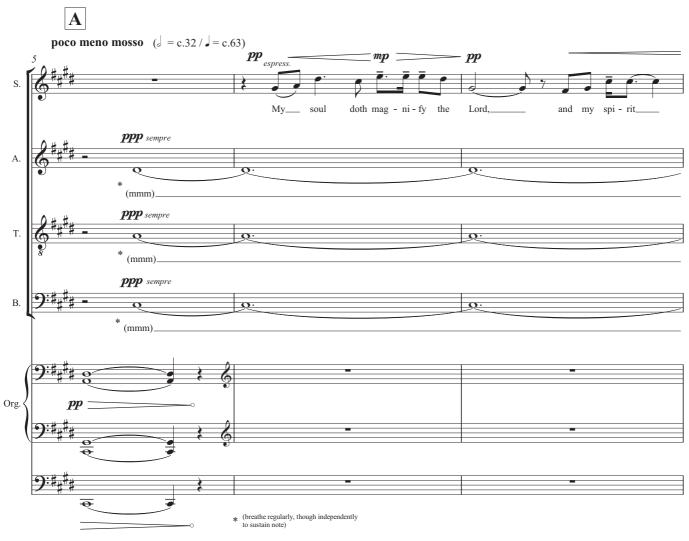
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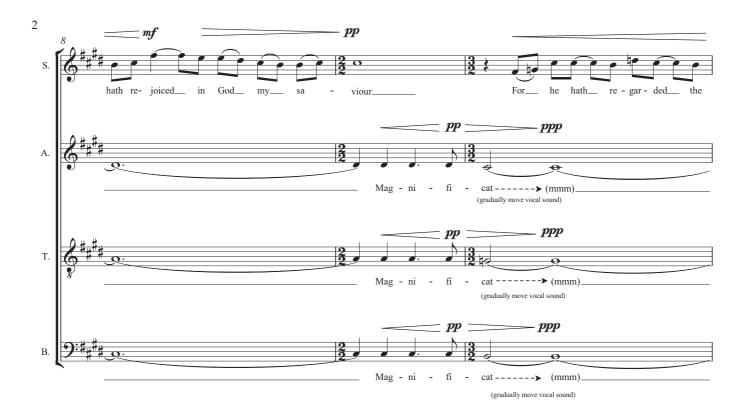
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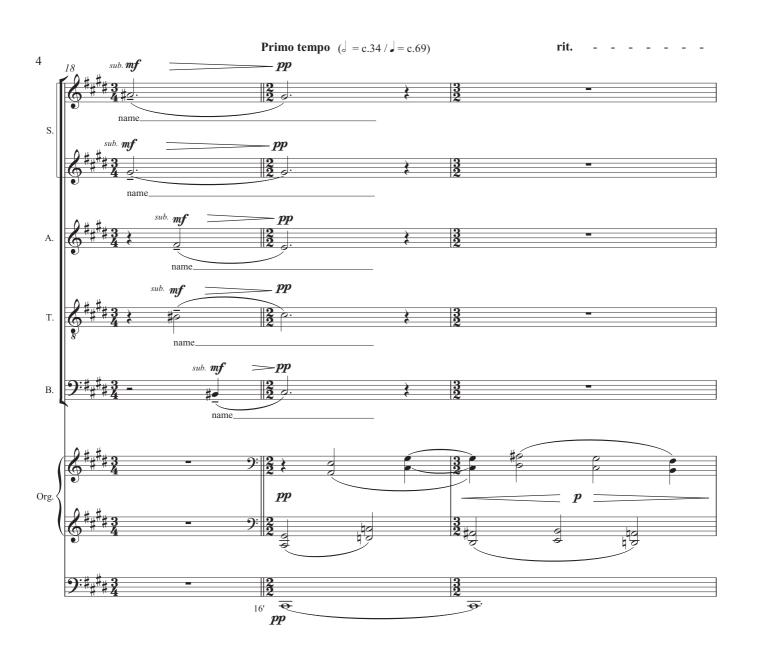


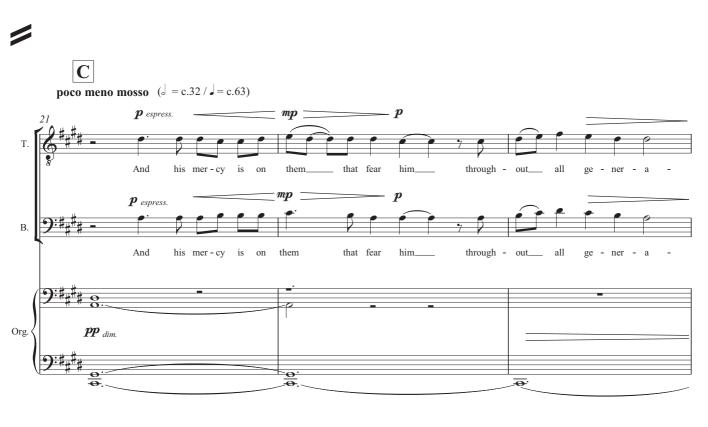














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