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SATB and organ

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Amarillo, Texas, originally commissioned *The Amarillo Canticles* in 1993. As was requested, I used the Rite II language taken from the American *Book of Common Prayer*, 1979.

In the late 1990s, the British organist/choirmaster, Simon Nieminski, whom I first met when he was organist at St. Bartholomew the Great in London, suggested adapting the canticles to the older language of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*. In fact, he created such a revision himself and has used it at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh, where he now heads the music program.

In fall 2006, having developed other ideas for an adaptation to the 1662 text, I created my own version, which is dedicated to Mr. Nieminski. Shortly after publication in early May 2007, this setting received its premiere at York Minster, sung by a guest British choir, the Bridgeman Singers. Two months later, the St. Paul's Choir, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, Mark Edenfield, director, and Kenneth Coleman, organist, performed the Canticles at Ely Cathedral during the choir's weeklong residence there.

The original Rite II setting, also published by Selah Publishing Co., is included on the CD *Echoes of the American Cathedral: Music of David Ashley White* (Zephyr, Z-115-99), sung by the St. Paul's Choir, Robert Brewer, organist/choirmaster, and Frances Anderson, director.

David Ashley White, a seventh-generation Texan, is an active composer who in recent years has specialized in chamber, solo vocal, and choral music. He is one of the leading composers of sacred music in the United States and has numerous publications, commissions, and recordings to his credit, including the recent *Praise the Spirit: Sacred Music of David Ashley White*, sung by the Palmer Choir, Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas, Brady Knapp and Courtney Daniell-Knapp, co-directors (Gothic G-49254). His hymns are included in major denominational publications, including the hymnals of the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church. His first collection of hymns, *Sing, My Soul*, was published in 1996. *Songs for a New Creation* was published in summer 2002, and a third, *New Harmony: A Harp of Thousand Strings*, in collaboration with hymn poet Richard Leach, was released in 2006. Selah Publishing Co. publishes all three books.

Dr. White earned his first two degrees from the University of Houston, the Bachelor of Music in oboe performance and the Master of Music in composition. His Doctor of Musical Arts is from the University of Texas at Austin. He has taught at the University of Houston since 1978. In 1999, he was appointed Director of the Moores School of Music and currently holds The Margaret M. Alkek and Margaret Alkek Williams Endowed Chair.

Magnificat

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Moderately flowing ♩=ca. 72 S.A. *mp*

My soul doth mag - - ni -

fy the Lord, and my spir - it hath re -

all *mp*

joiced in God my Sav - ior. For he hath re -

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10 *mf* *p* *chantlike, fluidly*

gard - ed the low - li - ness of his hand - maid - en. For be - hold, from

he — hath re - gard - ed his hand - maid - en.

14 *mf*

hence - forth all gen - er - a - tions will call me bless - ed. For he — that is

For he — that is

The musical score consists of three systems. The first system (measures 4-10) features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. Dynamics include *mf* and *p*. The second system (measures 11-13) continues the piano accompaniment with triplets. The third system (measures 14-16) features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. Dynamics include *mf*. A large watermark 'for review only' is overlaid on the score.

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might - y hath mag - ni - fied — me, 5

the Al - might - y hath mag - ni - fied me, and ho - ly is his Name,
might - y hath mag - ni - fied — me,

the Al - might - y hath mag - ni - fied — me,

ho - ly is his Name, is his Name. And his mer - cy is — on them that

musical score with piano accompaniment, including dynamics (f, mp, mf, p) and articulation (accents, slurs).

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24

mp

fear him — He — hath showed —

(all) *mp*

through-out all — gen - er - a - tions. He —

27

f

strength with his arm, he hath

— hath showed — strength with his arm, he hath

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29
scat-tered the proud in the i-mag-i-na-tion of their hearts. He hath

32
put down the might-y from their seat, and hath ex-alt-ed the hum-ble and

36
meek.

mf *poco rit.*

a tempo *p*

mp *a tempo*

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40

(all) *p* *mp* *p*

and the rich— he hath

He— hath filled the hun-gry with good— things,

43

mf *mp*

sent— emp - ty a - way. He— re -

Ped.

The image shows a musical score for a piano and voice. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 40-42) features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The vocal line has lyrics: "and the rich— he hath". The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes. The second system (measures 43-45) continues the vocal line with lyrics: "He— hath filled the hun-gry with good— things," and "sent— emp - ty a - way. He— re -". The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes and a dynamic marking of *mf*. The third system (measures 46-48) shows the piano accompaniment continuing with a triplet of eighth notes and a dynamic marking of *mf*. A "Ped." (pedal) marking is present at the beginning of the third system. A large watermark "for review only" is overlaid diagonally across the score.

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grad. accel. to.....♩=84, with energy

46 *mf* mem - b'ring his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el, *f*

48 as he prom - is - ed to our fore - fa - thers, as he prom

mf *f* *rit.*

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10

50

is - ed to A - bra - ham and his

53

seed, for ev - er. Glo - ry be to the

rit. *a tempo* *poco rit.* *faster, joyfully* $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 92$ *f*

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57

Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost. —

61

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, — and ev - er shall

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66 *poco rit.* **ff** *a tempo* *rit. to end*

be, world with - out — end.

poco rit. *a tempo* **ff** *rit. to end*

70 A - - - - men.

The musical score consists of four systems. The first system (measures 66-70) includes vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics 'be, world with - out — end.' and features dynamic markings of *poco rit.*, **ff**, *a tempo*, and *rit. to end*. The piano accompaniment includes triplets and dynamic markings of *poco rit.*, *a tempo*, **ff**, and *rit. to end*. The second system (measures 70-74) continues the vocal line with the lyrics 'A - - - - men.' and the piano accompaniment. A large 'for review only' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the score.

Nunc dimittis

SATB and organ

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Smoothly, lyrically, with forward motion (♩=ca. 50)
all *p*

Lord, now let - test thou thy

all *p*

Lord, now let - test

ser - vant de - part in peace ac -

thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace

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cord - ing to thy word. For — mine eyes have seen thy sal -

va - tion, which thou hast pre - pared be - fore the

face of all peo - ple, to be a light to to be a

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light - - - en the Gen - tiles, and to be the

light - - - to light - en

to Gloria
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glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

rit. **ff** *Slower than a tempo, majestically*

ff

Slower than a tempo, majestically

rit.

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