## Richard Ayleward



## Short Service

## Preces and Responses

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## The Preces




## The Responses

The Lord be with you.

$\square$
Let us pray.

${ }^{1}$ Written as crotchet, dotted minim in the original source.
${ }^{2}$ While unusual, this movement isn't prohibited harmonically, and all parts are written very clearly here.



O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.


O Lord, save the Queen.


Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

${ }^{3}$ This is written as a $b$ as transposed in both written Second Tenor parts. To avoid dissonance and consecutives, it seems far more likely that this was intended to be a $g$ as transposed.


O Lord, save thy people.


Give peace in our time, O Lord.



The Collects


## The Final Responses



The Lord be with you.


## Ferial

9:

The Lord give us his peace.


## Festal



Let us bless the Lord.


## Appendix

"After the anthem"


O Lord, save the Queen.


Notes:

This edition has been put together entirely using the original partbooks. No material has been taken from modern editions. The aim of this edition is to present the music so that performances resemble as closely as possible the original performances of this work in Norwich during the 17th century, but also making allowances for changes in liturgy since the work was written. The editor has only made alterations when it seems clear that the original copyists were in error.

The organ and cantoris alto parts for the responses (i.e. from 'and with thy spirit' on page 2 of this edition onwards) have been lost. The missing alto part is particularly important since, following the style of the rest of the Short Service, this setting may originally have contained a few short passages with divided altos. In addition, the bottom portion of one page of the decani treble book has been torn. Only some of the music from 'it was in the beginning' (on page 2 of this edition) to 'and grant us' (on page 5) inclusive survives. As such, some editorial reconstruction has been necessary for the 'Lord, have mercy upon us' response, on page 3. Additionally, no cantor part is found in the partbooks. The chant provided in this edition is editorial, following similar settings from the era.

There are some moments where the decani and cantoris music for a part disagree on a note. Some of these are corrected in the parts, but not all of them are. For those moments where there is ambiguity on which is correct, and both options are harmonically allowed, the editor has chosen the note which produces more harmonic interest. Generally speaking, the editor has assumed that the copyist is more likely to be mistaken when they have written repeated notes compared to when they have written a change of note.

The Lord's Prayer and Final Responses, more modern additions to the liturgy since Ayleward's day, have been provided by the editor. These are contrafacta of other portions of the Short Service, to music set entirely by Ayleward. The editor feels this is justified, since Ayleward is recorded as saying that he intended for the Short Service to be a 'whole service', that is, containing music for all those points in the office where it is required. The Lord's Prayer is taken from the Creed. This edition makes use of bars 1-16, 18-28, 34-37 and 97-99 of the setting, using the numbering scheme of the companion edition to this work. The first and Festal Final Responses are taken from the two Gospel Acclamations respectively. The Ferial response is taken from the last seven bars of the final Kyrie response, with the first bar set at half speed in order that the response may begin on the first beat of the bar. Ayleward also includes an additional setting of 'And mercifully hear us', which is listed to be sung 'After the anthem'. This is included in the Appendix.

The Amens for the Collects have been collated to better represent modern liturgical practice. In the original parts, the setting was as follows: 'And take not thy Holy Spirit from us', Amen 1, Amen 2, additional 'And mercifully hear us' for 'After the anthem', Amen 1, Amen 2 and Amen 3 for 'After the blessing'. Worth noting is that the final Amen was originally used in a similar way to the final Amen of the Book of Common Prayer Communion service.

The arms on the cover of this edition are Ayleward's own, taken from his memorial at Norwich Cathedral. This memorial no longer survives, but was documented by Francis Blomefield in 1806. Because the arms were carved in stone, its colour scheme has not survived. However, the editor notes that a complete arms with an identical structure exists for one of the Ayleward families in Suffolk, a neighbouring county to Richard Ayleward's place of work. The editor has used the colour scheme from the Suffolk arms in this edition, believing there is a reasonable chance that it matches Richard Ayleward's own arms. The griffins' heads used in these arms are taken from a public-domain source.

Bar lengths have been standardised, but note values have not been halved.
Accidentals and markings in brackets, along with notes in small type, are editorial.
Spelling and grammar has been modernised, but the original text setting has not been changed.

This edition is thankfully dedicated to M.E.F.B..

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Richard Ayleward was a prolific composer of choral music. His surviving output consists of the Short Service, which includes music for the entire daily office, two verse settings of the evening canticles and twenty verse anthems of varying complexity. For more information, and a catalogue of available performing editions, please contact the editor at the following address.

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