

Notes

About the Composer: Doug Andrews began his professional career as a high school music teacher in 1970. He then arrived at South Florida State College in 1982 and assumed the position of Instructor of Music, teaching a variety of music courses and directing various ensembles. While at South Florida State College he began writing for the SFSC Vocal Jazz Ensemble, a group he formed in 1995. In 1984 he was named Chairman of Cultural Affairs and for the next 22 years, he split his time between teaching and administrative duties. In January of 2004, he was named Dean of Cultural Programs and continued in that position until his retirement in May of 2014. For the past 20 years he has written for a wide variety of genres and settings, having over 100 choral works published by a number of publishers including UNC, Sound, Shawnee, Hal Leonard, Fred Bock, Laurendale Associates, National, Augsburg Press, among others. In addition, he has written music for two short films as well as an outdoor drama production called Florida.

About the Music: Care should be taken to sing phrases in a legato manner, with special attention given to maintaining support of the tone when singing longer notes that occur in the middle of a phrase such as in m. 8. Strict adherence should be taken to the dynamic markings for maximum interpretation of the text. A spirit of reverence should be maintained throughout the piece.

TEXT
 "God of Mercy"
 by Gilbert Shaw

The Text for *God of Mercy* comes from the writings of Father Gilbert Shaw (1886-1967). Father Shaw was born in Dublin, Ireland and who from 1958-62 was Warden of the Sisters of the Love of God at Fairacres in Oxford, England.

God of Mercy, God of Grace,
 Teach me to hold my will attentive
 in the liberty that Thou hast given me.
 That I may will with Thee to do Thy will
 As Thou dost show it me.

God of Mercy, God of Grace,
 Draw me to respond to Thee
 in each occasion of the passing time.
 That when the vanities of earth are passed
 I may remain forever in the rhythm
 of Thy everlasting peace.

God of Mercy, God of Grace.

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God of Mercy

Text: Gilbert Shaw

performance time: c. 2:10

Doug Andrews

Moderato (♩ = c. 78)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

mp

mf

5

S *mp*

A *mp*

T *mp*

B *mp*

God of Mer - cy, God of Grace, — Teach me to hold my will at -

God of Mer - cy, God of Grace, — Teach me to hold my will at -

God of Mer - cy, God of Grace, — Teach me to hold my will at -

God of Mer - cy, God of Grace, — Teach me to hold my will at -

mp

S ten - tive in the lib - er - ty that Thou hast giv - est me. *f*

A ten - tive in the lib - er - ty that Thou hast giv - est me. *f*

T ten - tive in the lib - er - ty that Thou hast giv - est me. That *f*

B ten - tive in the lib - er - ty that Thou hast giv - est me. That *f*

cresc. *f*

S That I may will with Thee to do Thy

A That I may will with Thee, will with Thee to do Thy

T I, I may will with Thee to do Thy

B I, I may will with Thee to do Thy

14

mp

S will As Thou dost show it me.

mp

A will, to do Thy will As Thou dost show it, show it me.

mp

T will, to do Thy will show it me.

mp

B will, to do Thy will show it me.

mp

18

S God of Mer - cy, God of Grace, Draw me to re - spond to Thee in each oc -

A God of Mer - cy, God of Grace, Draw me to re - spond to Thee in each oc -

T in each oc -

B in each oc -

cresc.

S ca - sion of the pass - ing time. *f* *mf*

A ca - sion of the pass - ing time. *f* *mf*

T ca - sion of the pass - ing time. That when the van - i - ties of *f*

B ca - sion of the pass - ing time. That when the van - i - ties of *f*

S *mf* in the rhy - thm of Thy

A *mf* in the rhy - thm of Thy

T earth are passed I may re-main for - ev - er in the rhy - thm of Thy

B earth are passed I may re-main for - ev - er in the rhy - thm of Thy

Meno mosso, freely

30 *mp* *ritard* *a tempo* *p*

S ev - er - last - ing peace. God of Mer - cy,

A ev - er - last - ing peace. God of Mer - cy,

T ev - er - last - ing peace. God of Mer - cy,

B ev - er - last - ing peace. God of Mer - cy,

34 *mp* *mf* *f ritard* *mp*

S God of Mer - cy, God of Mer - cy, God of grace.

A God of Mer - cy, God of Mer - cy, God of grace.

T God of Mer - cy, God of Mer - cy, God of grace.

B God of Mer - cy, God of Mer - cy, God of grace.

ritard *a tempo* *poco rit.*