Music for The Great Litany Of The Book of Alternative Services (1985) Of The Anglican Church of Canada

The Great Litany can be sung in a stationary position (standing or kneeling) or in procession.

This setting includes only the first versicles and responses, and does not include the full text, as the responses are repeated until they change. This should be used, then, in conjunction with the whole text from the BAS pp. 138-143 or from a printed leaflet.

1 Prayer of Approach to God

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,



Have mercy on us.

2 Prayers for Deliverance

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears; spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.



Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from your wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,



Good Lord, deliver us.

4 Prayers of Intercession

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal and lead it in your way.



Hear us, good Lord.

Concluding Prayers

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.



Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:



Grant us your peace.



Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Then the litanist sings the Collect of the Day, at the end of which is intoned:

