

OCP Choral Series

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Psalm 103)

Assembly, Cantor, Descant, SATB Choir, and Organ

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

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INTRO *Gentle and flowing* (♩ = ca. 76)
sempre legato

Organ

The musical score for the organ introduction is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The top staff is the right hand, starting with a piano (p) dynamic and a 'Sw.' (swell) marking. It features a series of chords and moving lines. The middle staff is the left hand, which is mostly silent with a few notes at the end. The bottom staff is a separate bass line, also starting piano (p) and featuring a simple, steady melodic line.

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REFRAIN: Cantor

mp ⁵

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in com-

Gt. mp

mp

⁸

pas-sion. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in com-

¹²

pas-sion.

Sw. *p*

p

REFRAIN: Unison Choir

mp 17

The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich in com-pas-sion. The

Gt. *mp*

mp

21

Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich in com-pas-sion.

Sw. *p*

VERSE 1: Cantor

25

p *mp*

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; all my be - ing, bless his ho - ly name.

(no Ped.)

29 *p* *mf* *p*

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; for - get not all his be-ne-fits.

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33

Soprano/Alto (Melody) *mp*

The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to

Tenor/Bass *mp*

The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to

pp *Gt. mp*

p *mp*

37

an-ger and rich in com-pas-sion. The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to

an - ger and rich in com - pas - sion. The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to

VERSE 2: Cantor

41

an-ger and rich in com-pas-sion. 2. He par-dons all your in-i-qui-ties,

an - ger and rich in com - pas-sion.

p

Sw. *p*

(no Ped.)

45 *mp* *mf*

2. heals ___ all your ills. He re - deems your life from de - struc - tion,

49 *mp* *p* *pp* *p*

2. crowns _ you with kind-ness and com - pas-sion.

REFRAIN: All

53

S *mp*

A

The_ Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger and rich in com - pas - sion. The_

T/B (Melody) *mp*

The_ Lord is_ kind and_ mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich_ in com-pas-sion. The_

Gt. *mp*

mp

57

Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger and rich_ in com - pas - sion.

Lord is_ kind and_ mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich in com - pas-sion.

Sw. *p*

VERSE 3: Cantor

61 *p*

3. Mer-ci-ful and gra-cious is the LORD, slow to an-ger, a-bound-ing in

(no Ped.)

64 *mp* *mf* *mp*

3. kind-ness. Not ac-cord-ing to our sins does he deal with us, nor does

67 *p* *pp* *p*

3. he re-quite-us ac-cord-ing to our crimes.

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Descant
mp 71

The_ Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to an - ger. The_

S/A (Melody)
mp

The_ Lord is_ kind and_ mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich_ in com-pas-sion. The_

T
mp

B

The_ Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to an - ger. The_

Gt. *mp*

mp

75

Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, rich in com - pas - sion.

Lord is_ kind and_ mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich in com - pas-sion.

Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, rich in com - pas - sion.

VERSE 4: Cantor

79 *p*

4. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our trans-

Sw. p

(no Ped.)

82

4. gres - sions from us. As a fa - ther has com - pas - sion on his chil - dren, so the

85

4. LORD has com - pas - sion on those who fear _ him.

pp

p

REFRAIN: Unison Choir

mf 89

The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich in com-pas-sion. The

Gt. mp

mp

93

Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and rich in com-pas-sion.

97

Sw. p

rit. *pp*

p *rit.* *pp*

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Assembly Edition

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|---|---|
| <p>1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul; forget not all his benefits.</p> <p>2. He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.</p> <p>3. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, abounding in kindness.</p> | <p>Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.</p> <p>4. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.</p> |
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