

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Psalm 103)

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

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REFRAIN: (♩ = ca. 69) 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Soprano
The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful. — The Lord is kind and

Alto
The Lord is kind and mer - ci-ful. The Lord is kind and

Tenor

Keyboard
F C/E B♭/D F/C B♭ F/A

1, 6 2-5 to Verses Final rit. Fine

mer - ci - ful. mer - ci - ful. mer - ci - ful.

mer - ci - ful. mer - ci - ful. mer - ci - ful.

1, 6 2-5 Final Gm7 Csus4 C Gm7 Csus4 to Verses Gm7 Csus4 Fine

mer - ci - ful. mer - ci - ful. mer - ci - ful.

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Note: Play Refrain as an Intro.

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VERSE 1: Cantor

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my be-ing, — bless his —

F C/E B \flat /D F/C B \flat F/A

1. — ho - ly name. Bless the LORD, O my

Gm7 C Csus4 Dm Am/C

1. soul, and for - get not all — his — ben - e - fits. *D.C.*

B \flat sus2 F/A Gm7 F/A B \flat Csus4 C *D.C.*

VERSE 2

Melody/Cantor

2. He par-dons all your in - iq - ui - ties — and heals all your ills. He re -

Harmony

B \flat sus2 F/A Gm7 F

2. deems your life — from de-struction, he crowns you with kind-ness and com-pas-sion.

D.C.

E \flat sus2 B \flat /D Gm7 F/A B \flat maj7 Csus4 C *D.C.*

VERSE 3

Melody/Cantor

3. The LORD se-cures — jus-tice and the rights of all the op-pressed. He has

Harmony

B \flat F/A Gm7 F

3. made known his ways to Mo-ses, and his deeds to the chil-dren of Is-ra-el. —

poco rit. *a tempo* *D.C.*

E \flat sus2 B \flat /D Gm7 F/A B \flat sus2 Csus4 C *D.C.*

poco rit. *a tempo*

VERSE 4

Melody/Cantor

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

Harmony

F C/E B \flat /D F/C B \flat F/A

4. kind-ness. For as the heav-ens are high a-bove the earth,

Gm7 Csus4 Dm Am/C B \flat sus2

4. so sur-pass-ing is his kind-ness toward those who fear him. *D.C.*

F/A Gm7 F/A B \flat Csus4 C *D.C.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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Capo 3: (D) F (A/C#) C/E (G/B) B \flat /D (D/A) F/C (G) B \flat (D/F#) F/A

The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful. _____ The Lord is kind and

1, 6 (Em7) Gm7	(Asus4) Csus4	(A) C	2-5 (Em7) Gm7	(Asus4) Csus4 to Verses	Final (Em7) Gm7 rit.	(Asus4) Csus4	<i>Fine</i>
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mer-ci-ful. _____ mer-ci-ful. mer-ci-ful.

VERSE 1: Cantor

(D) F (A/C#) C/E (G/B) B \flat /D (D/A) F/C (G) B \flat (D/F#) F/A

1. Bless the LORD, _____ O my soul; _____ and all my be-ing, _____ bless his _____

(Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Asus4) Csus4 (Bm) Dm (F#m/A) Am/C

1. _____ ho-ly name. Bless the LORD, _____ O my

(Gsus2) B \flat sus2 (D/F#) F/A (Em7) Gm7 (D/F#) F/A (G) B \flat (Asus4) Csus4 (A) C *D.C.*

1. soul, _____ and for-get not all _____ his _____ ben-e-fits. _____

VERSE 2: Cantor

(Gsus2) B \flat sus2 (D/F#) F/A (Em7) Gm7

2. He par-dons all your in-iq-ui-ties _____ and heals all your

(D) F (Csus2) E \flat sus2 (G/B) B \flat /D

2. ill. He re-deems your life _____ from de-struct-ion, he

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(Em7) Gm7 (D/F#) F/A (Gmaj7) Bbmaj7 (Asus4) Csus4 (A) C *D.C.*

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

VERSE 3: Cantor (G) Bb (D/F#) F/A (Em7) Gm7

3. The LORD se - cures jus - tice and the rights of all the op -

(D) F (Csus2) Ebsus2 (G/B) Bb/D

3. pressed. He has made known his ways to Mo - ses, and his

(Em7) Gm7 (D/F#) F/A (Gsus2) Bbsus2 (Asus4) Csus4 (A) C *D.C.*

3. deeds to the chil - dren of Is - ra - el.

VERSE 4: Cantor (D) F (A/C#) C/E (G/B) Bb/D (D/A) F/C

4. Mer - ci - ful and gra - cious is the LORD, slow to

(G) Bb (D/F#) F/A (Em7) Gm7 (Asus4) Csus4

4. an - ger and a - bound - ing in kind - ness. For as the

(Bm) Dm (F#m/A) Am/C (Gsus2) Bbsus2 (D/F#) F/A

4. heav - ens are high a - bove the earth, so sur -


(Em7) Gm7 (D/F#) F/A (G) Bb (Asus4) Csus4 (A) C *D.C.*

4. pass - ing is his kind - ness toward those who fear him.

Assembly Edition

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The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful. The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful.

<p>1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.</p> <p>2. He pardons all your iniquities and heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion.</p>	<p>3. The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed. He has made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the children of Israel.</p> <p>4. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.</p>
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Composer Notes

This piece works well with any combination of piano, organ, guitar and optional violin. Harmonies can be added throughout the piece according to the liturgical application and setting.

This psalm hymn is used both in Lent and Easter, and it can be a song of thanksgiving throughout the Church year. Consider its use on: 3rd Sunday of Lent (C); 7th Sunday of Easter (B); 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C); 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B); 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A); Sacred Heart (A); All Souls of the Faithful Departed; and Reconciliation services. Additionally, it is a Common Psalm option for Ordinary Time.

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