

Jesus, face of the Father's mercy

Introduction
♩ = c.56

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with an introduction of 56 measures. The first system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system contains the lyrics: "Je - sus, face of the Fa - ther's mer - cy, look with com - pas - sion, look with love. Je - sus,". The third system continues the piano accompaniment. The fourth system contains the lyrics: "turn your face to us." and is marked "Last time". The score concludes with a final piano accompaniment system.

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him... Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God. [MV1]

The verses offer examples from across the gospels where Jesus looks with mercy/compassion. The last two verses are drawn from Matthew 25. The verse could be sung straight through by a cantor but the choir parts suggest a dialogue with perhaps the last phrase being sung by all.

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Verses

us. 1. To the ones who fol - lowed him; Je-sus looks at them with com-

pas - sion: 'What do you seek? Now come and see.' Lord Je - sus, call our name. D.S.

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Additional Verses

2. To the crowds who heard him teach; Je-sus looks at them with com-
 3. To the wo - men who lost her son; Je-sus looks at her with com-
 4. To the chil - dren who came to him; Je-sus looks at them with com-
 5. To the sick man be - side the pool; Je-sus look at him with com-

pas - sion: 'Take bread and fish, e - nough for all.' Lord Je - sus, nou - rish us.
 pas - sion: 'Weep not, your son shall rise and live.' Lord Je - sus, give us life.
 pas - sion: 'For bless'd are those who wel - come them.' Lord Je - sus, care for them.
 pas - sion: 'Take up your bed, get up and walk.' Lord Je - sus, raise us up.

us. 6.To the wo - man they wished — to — stone; Je-sus looks at — her — with com-
 7.To the sis - ters who bur - ied his friend; Je-sus looks at — them — with com-
 8.To the thief hung — by — his — side; Je-sus looks at — him — with com-
 9.To his mo - ther be - side — the — cross; Je-sus looks at — her — with com-

pas - sion: 'No one con-demns you, sin — no more.' Lord — Je - sus, set us free.
 pas - sion: 'O - pen the tomb, un - bind, — set free.' Lord — Je - sus, call us forth.
 pas - sion: 'To - day in heav'n you will — come home.' Lord — Je - sus, think of me.
 pas - sion: 'Be - hold your son, a - bide — with him.' Lord — Je - sus, bring us home.

us. 10.To the stran - ger, the hun - gry, the sick, let us wel - come, — feed - them, —
 11.To the thir - sty, the na - ked or in pris'n let us help them, — clothe — them, —

care for them. In them we find the face — of Christ. Lord — Je - sus, help us see.
 vis - it them. For Christ we meet a - mong — the least. Lord — Je - sus, help us see.

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