

The Lord is compassion and love

Psalm 102

Music by Martin Foster

The Lord is com-pas-sion and love, — slow to an-ger and rich — in mer-cy. — mer-cy. —

Final

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line, the middle is the right-hand piano accompaniment, and the bottom is the left-hand piano accompaniment. The music is in 6/8 time and the key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. A 'Final' bracket is placed above the end of the system.

The second system of the musical score consists of three staves, continuing the vocal and piano accompaniment from the first system. It maintains the same 6/8 time signature and key signature.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

Psalm 102 (103): 1–4. 9–12 R̄: v. 8

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“Patient and merciful.” These words often go together in the Old Testament to describe God’s nature. His being merciful is concretely demonstrated in his many actions throughout the history of salvation where his goodness prevails over punishment and destruction. In a special way the Psalms bring to the fore the grandeur of his merciful action: “He forgives all your iniquity, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit, he crowns you with steadfast love and mercy” (Ps 102:3-4). [MV6]

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