

JUSTICE IS THE WISDOM OF GOD

Responsorial Song from Psalm 145 for Sunday 29B
for Cantor, Assembly & Descant
with Keyboard, Flute & Guitar

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*Show us your mercy, wisdom to teach us;
we place our trust in you.*

Justice is the wisdom of God,
to be trusted in every decree.
Whose ways speak of truth and
and whose grandeur fills all Creation.

Whose favor rests on all who are faithful,
on all who live with dignity,
who promised us freedom from
and protection from every evil.

Together, we look in hope
as we long for our God to aid us.
May your kindness fill our days,
for in you we have placed our trust.

Although in chant form, this is a modern setting. Stylistically, it is modeled on Anglican psalm chant, with a final cadence of 5 notes. The responsorial structure derives its energy from the refrain. While not in 3/4 tempo, the verses nevertheless reflect their syllabic structure.

The text about God's presence and in the beginning of Wisdom, She is with God in the beginning. Wisdom is the path we should follow, we hear the echo of God speaking to us and calling us into Covenant.

But what is justice? Is it merely righting the wrongs of the world? While this is undoubtedly true, in the divine breath (*ruah*) which created the world (*Wisdom*), there is seen a power whose function is to of maintain order and harmony through the Universe. Scientists are currently speculating about the existence of dark matter, knowing there are strong forces behind gravity which keep galaxies separate from one another and how the spheres to spin in their orbits. Furthermore, while the Universe is expected to reach a point of stasis, weakened by entropy since that initial explosion, some force is working against that, causing the Universe to continue to expand, in unrivalled beauty of motion.

The protection of the oppressed, derives its power analogously from the predetermined natural laws of the Universe. In the Covenant, justice (sometimes called *righteousness*) is the will of God, the way we should follow by observing the mandates of the Covenant. In the case of Christianity, these are the two and only two great commands: to love God, and to do this through loving our neighbors as ourselves.

- Tony Barr

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Responsorial Song from Psalm 33 for Sunday 29B

INTRO ♩ = ca. 84

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Piano introduction in G minor, 3/4 time. Chords: Gm, Csus4, C, F. The melody is simple and contemplative.

Vocal and piano accompaniment for the first verse. Chords: F, Dm, Bb, Am. Lyrics: Show us your mer - cy, wis - dom to teach us; Show us your mer - cy, dom to teach

Vocal and piano accompaniment for the second verse. Chords: Csus4, C, F. Lyrics: we are our trust in you. we are our trust in you.

VERSES

Psalmist (or Cantor) from the ambo

1. Justice is the wis - dom of God, to be trusted in ev - 'ry
 2. Whose favor rests on all who are faithful, on all who live with de - fiance;
 3. Together, we keep vig - il in hope, as we look for our shield to de - fend us.

F Gm/F Am/F Dm Bb/G C

1. Whose ways speak of truth and in - teg - rity and grand - eur fills all Cre - ation.
 2. who promised us free - dom from death and pro - tec - tion from ev - 'ry evil.
 3. May your kindness fill our hearts in you have we placed our trust.

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Fmaj7 Gm7 F/A Gm7 Bb/C F

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REFRAIN ♩ = ca. 84

Descant on selected Refrains

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Show us your mer - cy, wis - dom to teach us; —

Show us your mer - cy, wis to

we place trust in you.

us; we place trust in you.

VERSES

Psalmist (or Cantor) from the ambo

1. Justice is the wis - dom of God, be trusted in ev - 'ry de - cree.
2. Whose favor rests on all who are faithful, on all who live with due reverence;
3. Together, we keep vig - il in prayer, as we long for our shield to de - fend us.

1. Whose ways speak of truth and in - tegrity, and whose grand - eur fills all Cre - ation.
2. who promised us freedom from death, and pro - tec - tion from ev - 'ry evil.
3. Merciful kindness fill our days, for in you have we placed our trust.

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