

Inspired by Faith Series

**SAMPLE**

# Open Our Hearts

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**John Ortt**

Music by  
**Jason Liles**

**SAB CHOIR  
GUITAR  
ASSEMBLY**



*Music* FOR THE SOUL LLC

## Notes

**Background and Liturgical Use:** The main theme of "Open Our Hearts" is the importance of social ministry. Furthermore, this ministry is highlighted with a sincere and powerful sense of compassion in our actions to those in need. Jesus' compassion is the ideal toward which we strive. This piece is appropriate for Ordinary Time. Also, it can be used for a homily to reinforce the value of social justice and ministry with compassion. Because of the tone, style, and duration of this piece, a suitable liturgical use of "Open Our Hearts" would be at the Offertory time of mass.

**Performance:** "Open Our Hearts" is a beautiful melody that can be enhanced musically by having a solo voice or a section from the choir sing the verses and then the full choir on the refrain. The pace of the music should be smooth and lyrical. The pianist is encouraged to ad lib the piano part to help support the smooth and lyrical quality of the song.

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Verse 2 based on Matthew 25:35-36  
Verse 3 based on John 13:34

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Sustained, with tenderness ♩ = 85

Piano

*mp*

D A/D Em/G D

5 VERSES *Solo or all*

1. O - pen our hearts to your mer - cy of com - pas - sion,  
2. Faith - ful are we the call - ing of your mis - sion:  
3. We hon - or you by car - ing for each - oth - er.  
4. Hum - bly we stand with the lone - ly and for - saken.

D A D

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as we bring food to heal the wounds of all ha - tred.  
feed - ing the hun - gry and giv - ing drink to the thirst - y,  
So let the fol - low the words of your new com - mand - ment,  
We stand be - side them with gen - tle - ness and com - pas - sion.

Bm G/A G D/F#

May those who suf - fer find peace through your love.  
 cloth - ing the need - y, and aid - ing poor  
 "Love one an - oth - er, as I have loved you,  
 May we be with them in their time of need."

Em D/F# G

*S, A* REFRAIN  
 Ho - ly Je - su, lead us to mer - cy.

*B*

A G A/G D/F# G

Give your - self to help those in need. Ho - ly

Em D/F# G A

Je - sus, lead us to heav - en - ness.

G A/G D/F# G

Give us com - pas - sion o - ver our hearts.

Em D/F# G/A A A/E D

[1, 2, 3.] | 4.

A/D Em/D D D

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## VERSES



1. O - pen our hearts to your love, it of com - pas - sion,  
2. Faith - ful are we to the call - ing of your mis - sion:  
3. We hon - or you by our car - ing, each oth - er.  
4. Hum - bly we stand with you, we - ly an - d sac - en.



as we bring com - fort and heal - ing to the wounds of all ha - tred.  
feed - ing the hun - gry, and giving drink to the thirst - y,  
So let us fol - low the way of your new com - mand - ment,  
We stand be - side you with gen - erous - ness and com - pas - sion.



May those who suf - fer find peace through your love.  
cloth - ing the need - y, and aid - ing the poor. Ho - ly  
"Love one another as I have loved you."  
May we be with them all the time of need.

## REFRAIN



Je - sus, lead us to mer - cy. Give us the cour - age to



help those in need. Ho - ly Je - sus, lead us to kind - ness.



Give us com - pas - sion to o - pen our hearts.

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