

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Ps. 103

Cherolyn Klosner-Lane/Gene Klosner

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This PDF contains the following versions:

- Refrain Full Score + Verse chords (for director, piano accompanist)
- Refrain P/G/V + Verse chords (for piano accompanist)
- Refrain Lead Sheet + Verse chords (for cantor, guitar accompanist, piano "chorders" - similar to fake books)
- Refrain SATB (for choir members)
- Verse Full Score (for cantor, accompanist)
- Refrain Assembly (for director, worship aid makers)

Format:

- Solo cantor refrain melody*
- Choir and congregation respond in **unison** (melody) refrain
- Solo cantor verse
- Choir and congregation refrain with harmonies
- [Continue thru multiple verses and harmonized refrains]
- End with repeat of harmonized refrain (optional)

*The melody line is the soprano part (male cantors sing an octave below), unless otherwise indicated.

Verses are by ONE **cantor**, chant-style (non-metered, free rhythm) using either of the two melodies, depending on their vocal range. Verses are not designed for multiple singers or harmonies.

For the **accompanist**, the rhythm resumes (a tempo) at the first word of each verse to bring choir and congregation in for the refrain, which then has **choir** harmonies from there on out.

We like to do a double refrain after the last verse to "close out" the psalm so we use the turnaround accompaniment for repeating the refrain, then the Final ending at the very end.

Note to accompanist:

Follow the "turnaround" chords when repeating the refrain (refer to recording). Use the "interlude into verses" when going into verse.

Psalm Tones:

Overall, we have 16 different melodies of psalm tones for the verses that get "mixed and matched" with all the hundreds of different psalm refrains throughout the 3-year cycle, one per psalm refrain. We give two options from which the cantor can choose, depending on the cantor's vocal range. Choose smaller notes for the lower melody.

This way, a cantor does not have to use hundreds of different verse melodies over the three-year cycle.

The particular psalm tones being matched with are Psalm Tone 1 in D, which starts on the same note as the last "and" (Sol in solfege), and Psalm Tone 2 in G, which instead starts a third from the last "kind." (Mi in solfege).

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Other things for the vocalists on "The Lord is Kind and Merciful":

Use either Psalm Tone 1 or 2 (in D).

All verses start on the same note (one octave below).

The only "-ful" (of "merciful") that is on a downbeat is the last one (m. 7) - all others are on "3-and."

We strongly recommend listening to the recordings of this psalm.

Musically yours,

Cher & Gene

DIFFICULTY LEVEL		
(easy/medium/advanced)		
melody	harmony	accompaniment
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The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Ps. 103

Tenderly

♩. = 48

Cherilyn Fosner-Lane and Gene Klosner

Capo 2: C D G7sus4 A7sus4 G7 A7 1 C D G/C A/D C6 G/C A/D

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

Piano

The Lord is kind and mer - ci-ful,

The Lord is kind and mer - ci-ful,

3 Bb C F/Bb G/C Dm7 Em7 G F#m7 Bb C G/C A/D C6 D6 G/C A/D

S

A

T

B

Pno.

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

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

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

7

B^b *F/A* *G* *F/A* *G⁷/B* *C* *G⁷sus⁴* *G⁷* *G⁷sus⁴* *C*
C *G/B* *A* *G/B* *A⁷/C[#]* *D* *A⁷sus⁴* *A⁷* **D.S.** *A⁷sus⁴* *D* *End*

1. turnarounds into repeated refrains | 2. ... into verses and end | D End

S
A
mer - ci - ful and kind. The kind.

T
B
mer - ci - ful and kind. The kind.

1. turnarounds into repeated refrains | 2. ... into verses and end | End
D.S.

Pno.

Verse chords (Psalm Tone 1/2), Piano/Guitar, capo 1:

Verse chords (Psalm Tone 1/2), Piano/Guitar, capo 2:

D | A | Em7 | A |
F#7aug* | Bm7 | Em7 | A7sus4 |

C | G | Dm7 | G |
F#7aug* | Am7 | Dm7 | G7sus4 |

*augmented chord is optional

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Cherolyn Messner Lane/Gene Klosner

Capo 2: C D

G7sus4 A7sus4 *G7 A7* 1 C D *G/C A/D* *C6 D6* *G/C A/D*

The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful,

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

mer - ci - ful, and kind. The kind.

1. turnarounds into repeated refrains | 2. interlude into verses and end | End

D.S. C *G7sus4 A7sus4* C *D* End

1. turnarounds into repeated refrains | 2. interlude into verses and end | End

D.S.

Verse chords (Psalm Tone 1/2), Piano/Guitar, no capo:

Dm7 | *A* |
*F#7aug** | *Bm7* | *Em7* | *A7sus4* |

Verse chords (Psalm Tone 1/2), Piano/Guitar, capo 2:

C | G | *Dm7* | G |
*E7aug** | *Am7* | *Dm7* | *G7sus4* |

*augmented chord is optional

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Tenderly

Cherolyne Klosner Lane Lane Klosner

♩. = 48

Capo 2: C

D

G^{7sus4} A^{7sus4} G⁷ A⁷ 1 C D G/C A/D C⁶ G/C A/D

The Lord is kind and mer - ci -

3 B^b C F/B^b G/C Dm⁷ Em⁷ G A F/A G/B A⁷/C[#] C D G/C A/D C⁶ D⁶ G/C A/D

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

7 B^b C F/A G/B G F/A G/B A⁷/C[#] C D G^{7sus4} A^{7sus4} G^{7sus4} A^{7sus4} G^{7sus4} A^{7sus4} C D End

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

1. turnaround into repeated refrain interlude into verses and end

Verse chords (Psalm Tone 1/2), Piano/Guitar, no capo. Refrain chords (Psalm Tone 1/2), Piano/Guitar, capo 2:

D | A | Em7 | A |
F#7aug* | Bm7 | Em7 | A7sus4 |

C | G | Dm7 | G |
E7aug* | Am7 | Dm7 | G7sus4 |

*augmented chord is optional

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Cherolyn K... Lane/Gene Klosner

NOTE: No harmonies until after 1st verse; follow Soprano line for melody. See format below

Tenderly

♩. = 48

1

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

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

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

4

S

A

T

B

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

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

7

S

A

T

B

mer - ci - ful and kind. The kind.

mer - ci - ful and kind. The kind.

D.S.

1. turnarounds into repeated refrains

2. interlude into verses and end

Format:

- Solo cantor refrain
- Choir and congregation response in **unison** (melody) refrain
- Solo cantor response
- Congregation refrain with harmonies
- [Continue thru multiple verses and harmonized refrains]
- End with repeat of harmonized refrain (optional)

*The melody line is the soprano part (male cantor sings an octave below).

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful Verses

Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 / Psalm Tones 1 & 2 in D

3rd Sunday of Lent C

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Cherubim Klosner-Lane Gene Klosner

Capo 2: C
D G Dm⁷ G
A A Em⁷ A

PT 1/2*
*opt. lower melody

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.
2. He pardons all your in - iq - uities, heals all your wounds,
3. The LORD se - cures just - ice and the rights of all the op - pressed.
4. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, who will not anger and abound - ing in kind - ness.

Piano

3
E⁷aug F⁷aug Bm⁷ Dm⁷/sus⁴
F⁷aug Em⁷/sus⁴

1/2

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his
2. He redeems your life from the pit, crowns you with kind - ness and com -
3. He has made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to the child - ren of
4. For as the heavens are high a - bove the earth, so his kindness toward those who

Pno.

♩. = 48
5
G⁷/sus⁴ A⁷/sus⁴ tempo G G G⁹/A G/B
A A A⁹/B A/C[#]

1. ben - efits... } The
2. pas - sion...
3. Is - rael...
4. for... }

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful Verses

Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 / Psalm Tones 1 & 2 in D

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time A / 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time C / 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time B /
Common Psalm in Ordinary Time

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Cherubim Klosner-Larson Gene Klosner

Capo 2: C

PT 1/2*
*opt. lower melody

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.
2. He pardons all your in - iq - uities, heals all your ills,
3. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kind - ness.
4. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgres - sions from us.

Piano

3

1/2

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and get not all his crowns
2. He redeems your life from de - ath, and crowns you with kind - ness and com -
3. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he re - quire us accord - ing to our
4. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who

Pno.

♩. = 48

5

1/2

ben - efits... } The
pas - sion.
3. crimes
4. fe

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful Verses

Ps. 103:8 and 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 / Psalm Tones 1 & 2 in D
November 2: All Souls Day* / Masses for the Dead (Funerals)*
**there are alternate refrains for these*

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Cherub Klosner-Lapine Rene Klosner

Capo 2: C

PT 1/2*
**opt. lower melody*

1. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abundant in kindness.
 2. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
 3. Man's days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field, it blooms;
 4. But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity to eternity toward those who fear him,

G A Dm7 G
 A Em7 A

Piano

3

1/2

1. Not according to our sins does he reckon with us, nor does he requite us according to our iniquities.
 2. For he knows how we are prone to err, and he remembers that we are dust.
 3. The wind sweeps over him and he is gone, and his place knows him no more.
 4. And his justice toward children's children, toward those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments, that he will not forget.

E7aug F#7aug A7sus4 Bm7 Dm7sus4 Em7sus4

Pno.

♩. = 48

5

1/2

1. ...crimes.
 2. ...dust.
 3. ...more.
 4. ...pre...

G7sus4 A7sus4 G G9/A G/B
 A A9/B A/C#

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful Verses

Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Psalm Tones 1 & 2 in D

Saturday of the 2nd Week of Lent / Saturday of the 10th Week in Ordinary Time (I)

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Cherubim Klosner-Lara Gene Klosner

Capo 2: C

PT 1/2*
*opt. lower melody

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his name.
2. He pardons all your in-iq-uities, he heals all your ills,
3. He will not al-ways chide, nor does he keep his wrath for-ev-er.
4. For as the heavens are high a-bove the earth, so his kindness is toward those who fear him.

Piano

3

1/2

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and for-get not all his
2. He redeems your life from de-s-ti-ty-er, he crowns you with kind-ness and com-
3. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he re-quire us accord-ing to our
4. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our trans-gres-sions from

Pno.

♩ = 48

5

ben - efits.
pas - sion.
3. crimes
4. } The

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

The musical score is written in D major (one sharp) and consists of three systems. The first system is for the vocal part (PT 1/2*) and piano accompaniment (Piano). The second system continues the vocal part and piano accompaniment. The third system shows the vocal part and piano accompaniment with a tempo marking of quarter note = 48. The score includes lyrics for four verses and guitar chords for the piano accompaniment. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page.

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful Verses

Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 / Psalm Tones 1 & 2 in D

Friday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time (II) /

Various Needs: For the Laity* / For the Remission of Sins* / For Our Confessors

*there are alternate refrains for these

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Cherubim Klosner-Lane, Gene Klosner

Capo 2: C
D

PT 1/2*
*opt. lower melody

G A Dm7 Em7 G A

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his name.
2. He pardons all your in-iq-uities, he heals all your ills,
3. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abundant in kind-ness.
4. For as the heavens are high a-bove the earth, so sur-pas-ses his kindness toward those who fear him.

Piano

3

E7aug F#7aug Am7 Bm7 Dm7sus4 Em7sus4

1/2

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul and for not all his
2. He redeems your life from de - struc-tion; he crowns you with kind - ness and com-
3. He will not al-ways chide; he does he keep his wrath for-
4. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our trans-gres - sions from

Pno.

♩. = 48

5

G7sus A7sus4 G G G/A G/B A A/B A/C#

1/2

ben - efits.
pas - sion.
3. ev - er. } The
4.

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful Verses

Ps. 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 / Psalm Tones 1 & 2 in D
Monday of the 13th Week in Ordinary Time (I)

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Cherubim Klosner-Larsene Klosner

Capo 2: C D G A Dm⁷ Em⁷ G A

PT 1/2*
*opt. lower melody

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his name.
2. He pardons all your in-iq-uities, he heals all your ills,
3. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abound-ing in kind-ness.
4. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor will he requite us according to our crimes.

Piano

3 1/2 E⁷aug F⁷aug A⁷ Bm⁷ Dm⁷sus⁴ Em⁷sus⁴

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and let not all his
2. He redeems your life from de-struction; he crowns you with kind-ness and com-
3. He will not al-ways chide, does he keep his wrath for-
4. For as the heavens are high a bove the earth, so sur-passing is his kindness toward those who

Pno.

♩. = 48 5 G⁷sus A⁷sus⁴ *mpo* G A G G/A G/B A A/B A/C#

ben - efits.
pas - sion.
3. ev - er } The
4. fer

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful Verses
Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 / Psalm Tones 1 & 2 in D
Wednesday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time (I)

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Cherubim Klosner-Lambert, Gene Klosner

Capo 2: C D G Dm⁷ G
 D A Em⁷ A

PT 1/2*
 *opt. lower melody

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his name.
 2. He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills,
 3. The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.

Piano

3 1/2 E⁷aug F⁷aug Bm Dm⁷sus⁴ Em⁷sus⁴

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul, do not forget not all his
 2. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and com-
 3. He has made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the children of

Pno.

♩. = 48 5 G⁷sus⁴ A⁷sus⁴ tempo G G G/A G/B
 A A A⁹/B A/C[#]

1. ben - efits } The
 2. pas - sion. }
 3. Is - rael. }

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful Verses
 Ps. 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 / Psalm Tones 1 & 2 in D
 Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time (I)

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Cherubim Klosner-Lay, Gene Klosner

Capo 2: C D G A Dm⁷ Em⁷ G A

PT 1/2*
 *opt. lower melody

1. The LORD se - cures just - ice and the rights of all oppressed.
 2. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abundant in kindness.
 3. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.
 4. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

Piano

3 E⁷aug F⁷aug A⁷ Bm⁷ Dm⁷sus⁴ Em⁷sus⁴

1/2

1. He has made known his ways to his people, and he has revealed his glory to the child - ren of his people.
 2. He will not always be angry, nor does he keep his wrath forever.
 3. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so his kindness toward those who fear him is beyond measure.
 4. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Pno.

♩ = 48
 5 G⁷sus⁴ A⁷sus⁴ G A G G⁹/A G/B A A⁹/B A/C[#]

1/2

1. Is - rael.
 2. ev - er.
 3. fear him.
 4. fe

The

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful Verses
 Ps. 103:1-2, 8 and 13, 17-18a / Psalm Tones 1 & 2 in D
 Ritual Masses: Sacrament of Marriage (Weddings)*
 *there are alternate refrains for this

Freely chanted, non-metered, solo cantor only

Cherubim Klosner-Lay, Gene Klosner

Capo 2: C
 D G Dm⁷ G
 A A Em⁷ A

PT 1/2*
 *opt. lower melody

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his name.
 2. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
 3. But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity to eternity toward those who fear him,

Piano

3
 E⁷aug F⁷aug B⁷ Dm⁷sus⁴ Em⁷sus⁴

1/2

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget not all his
 2. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who
 3. And his justice toward children, children among those who keep his

Pno.

♩. = 48
 5 G⁷sus A⁷sus⁴ tempo G G G/A G/B
 A A A⁹/B A/C[#]

1. ben - efits.
 2. fear him.
 3. cov - enant.

The

Pno.

To m. 1 of refrain...

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Ps. 103

Cherolyn Klosner Lane/Gene Klosner

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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3rd Sunday of Lent C (lent3C)
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time A (ord7A)
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time C (ord7C)
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time A (ord8B)
Nov 2: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Saints) (AB) (nom1102ABC)
Common Psalm in Ordinary Time (ordcom)
Saturday of the 2nd Week of Lent (lent2Sa)
Friday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time (II) (ord7F)
Saturday of the 10th Week in Ordinary Time (I) (ord10S)
Monday of the 13th Week in Ordinary Time (I) (ord13M)
Wednesday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time (I) (ord15W)
Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time (I) (ord17Tu)
Masses for the Dead
Ritual Masses: Conferral of the Sacrament of Marriage
Various Needs: Masses for the Sick
Various Needs: For the Remission of Sins
Various Needs: For Our Oppressed
Weddings
Funerals

Use with Psalm Tone 1 or 2 in D

Text version:

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Cherolyn Klosner Lane/Gene Klosner)

The Lord is kind and merciful, merciful, merciful. The Lord is kind and merciful, merciful and kind.

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This psalm rendition is approved and uses Verbatim Text on refrain and verses.
Technically, by changing "kind and merciful" to "merciful and kind" at the end makes it somewhat of a paraphrase, but otherwise the words are all intact in the refrain.)

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