

THE LORD, RICH IN MERCY

a psalm for the

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Two settings of Psalm 102 are offered here. Both have the same inbuilt response, so may be used repeatedly according to the liturgical requirement and musical resources available. The text is a Common Psalm for Ordinary Time, so may be used as the Responsorial Psalm at any Sunday Mass in Ordinary Time.

Both keyboard and guitar accompaniments are provided. Although they are compatible, it is recommended that they are not used together. It may be more appropriate to use a keyboard accompaniment for the response to encourage vocal congregational participation. A guitar accompaniment might be particularly appropriate for the psalm verses in the Simpler Setting, where an initial strum at the beginning of each psalm phrase and wherever the chord changes may be sufficient accompaniment.

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Psalm 102 (103) – The Lord, rich in mercy

vv. 1–4, 11–14. R/ v. 8

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

Capo 3 C F G⁷ Am Dm Em⁷ F^{maj7} Csus⁴ C

C F Em/G Am C F Dm⁷ G C

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my be-ing, bless his ho - ly name. My

C F C C/B_b F/A Dm/F Csus C

soul, give thanks to the Lord and ne-ver for-get all his bless - ings. — R. The

C F C F G

2. It is he who for-gives all your guilt, who heals ev'-ry one of your ills, who re -

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Dm C F G Am Dm G Csus C

deems your life from the grave, who_ crowns you with love and com - pas-sion. R. The

C Am Em Am F C Dm7

3. For as the hea-vens are high a-bove the earth so strong is his love for those who

Gsus G Am Dm C/E F G Am Dm G Csus C

fear_ him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he re - move_ our sins. R. The

C F C Dm C/E F Gsus G

4. As a fa-ther has pi-ty on his child-ren, the Lord has_ pi-ty on those who fear_ him;

F C Dm G Am F 2 7 C

for he knows of what we are made, he re - mem-bers that we are dust. R. The

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A SIMPLER SETTING

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

Capo 3 C F G⁷ Am Dm Em⁷ F^{maj7} Csus⁴ C

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his ho - ly name.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
3. For as the heavens are high a - bove the earth, so strong is his love for those who fear him.
4. As a father has pity on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him;

C Am F G

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.
 who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and com - passion.
 As far as the east is from the west, so far does he re - move our sins.
 for he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust.

C/E F G C

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slow to an-ger and rich — in mer-cy.