

Mercy

- the Balm of Compassion

SATB

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Lento ♩ = 60

pp

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Piano
(for rehearsal only)

A Più mosso ♩ = 70

mp

S.

It soothes, it soothes the harsh-ness of jus - tice, jus - tice,

p

A.

It soothes, soothes the harsh-ness of jus - tice, jus - tice,

T.

8 Mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - cy **mp** soothes soothes the

B.

love. Mer - cy soothes the harsh-ness of jus - tice, jus - tice,

A Più mosso ♩ = 70

p

Pno.

16

S. with the balm of com - pass - ion, the balm of com -
A. jus - tice with the balm, the balm, the balm of com -
T. harsh - ness of jus - tice, the harsh - ness of jus - tice with the
B. with the balm, the balm, the balm of com -
Pno.

20

S. pass - ion. It is a gift, a kind - ness, a
A. pass - ion, of com - pass - ion. It is a gift, a kind - ness,
T. balm of com - pass - ion. A gift, gift, a
B. pass - ion, com - pass - ion. Gift, a kind - ness,
Pno.

24

S. gift, a kind - ness, a choice, a choice, a

A. it is a gift, a kind - ness, kind - ness, choice,

T. 8 kind - ness, choice, choice,

B. gift, a kind - ness, a choice, it is a choice,

Pno.

28

S. pure vir - tue, vir - tue, vir - tue, an ex-

A. pure vir - tue, vir - tue, vir - tue, an

T. 8 pure, pure vir - tue, vir - tue, vir - tue, an

B. pure vir - tue, vir - tue, pure vir - tue, an ex-

Pno.

Piu mosso
♩ = 80 B

S. 33 *rall.* *p* *pp* *pp*
 press ion_ of good, an ex press- ion_ of good. For -

A. *p* *pp* *mp*
 ex - press - ion of good. For the ess - ence of

T. *mp*, *p* *pp* *p*
 ex - press - ion of good. For the ess-ence of mer - cy, the

B. *p* *pp*
 press - - - ion of good. For the ess ence,

Pno. 3 *rall.*

S. 40 *mp* *mf*
 give - ness. for the ess-ence of mer - cy is for-give - ness.

A. *p* *mf*
 mer - cy is for-give - ness, for-give - ness, ess - ence, mer - cy, ess - ence is for

T. *p*
 essence of mer - cy is for-give - ness, the essence of mer - cy is for - give - ness, for -

B. *p*
 for the ess ence_ of mer - cy is for-give - ness. And

Pno.

46

S. *p leggiero*

A.

T. *mf*

B.

Pno.

— And with for-give - ness the opp - or - tu - ni - ty of rest - or - a - tion. For
give - ness. The opp - or - tu - ni - ty of rest - or - a - tion.
give - ness. And with for-give-ness comes the opp-or-tu-ni - ty of rest - or - a - tion.
with it, the opp - or - tu - ni - ty of rest - or - a - tion.

51 *rall.* *A tempo* ♩ = 80

S. give - ness, for - give - ness, rest - or - a - tion.

A. *p leggiero* *mp*
Give - ness, for give - ness, rest - or - a - tion. The con

T. *p leggiero*
Give - ness, for give - ness, rest - or - a - tion.

B. *p leggiero* *p* *pp*
Give - ness, for - give - ness, rest - or - a - tion, rest - or - a - tion.

Pno.

C

58

S. *mp* The contempt of re - pri - sal is

A. tempt of re - pri - sal is swept a - side, The contempt of re - pris - al is

T. *p* Con - tempt, con - tempt, swept a - side, swept a - side. Re - pris - al is swept,

B. *p* Con - tempt, con - tempt, con - tempt, con - tempt, con - tempt of re - pri - sal ia

Pno.

64 *mf* *rall.* *f* *mf* *rall.* *mf* = 80 *mf* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.*

S. swept a - side by the chance of re - demp - tion, the chance of re - demp - tion,

A. *mp* *mf* *f* *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.*

T. *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.*

B. *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.* *mf* *mp* *rall.*

Pno.

71

S. *p* re-demp - tion.

A. chance of re - demp tion.

T. 8 re-demp - tion.

B. *p* re-demp - tion.

Pno.

D $\text{♩} = 70$ *mp dolce*

Mer - cy en - folds the qual - i - ties of com - pass -

D $\text{♩} = 70$ *mp*

Mer - cy en - folds the qual - i - ties of

Mer - cy en - folds com - pass -

77

S. pass - ion, gent - le - ness and for - bear - ance, that Man at - tri - butes to

A. *mp* Gent - le - ness, for - bear - ance Man at - tri - butes to

T. 8 com - pass - ion, gent - le - ness and for - bear - ance that Man at - tri - butes to

B. ion, gent - le - ness, for - bear - ance Man at - tri - butes to

Pno.

86

S. gentle-ness and for-bear-ance, that Man that Man at - tri- butes, that Man at-

A. gent - le - ness and for - bear - - - ance.

T. gent le-ness and for - bear-ance that Man at - tri - butes, at - tri - - butes,

B. gent - le - ness and for - bear - - - ance.

Pno.

9

rall. *p* *mp* ♩ = 70

E Più mosso ♩ = 80 *mf*

S. tri- butes to God, that Man at-tri- butes to God. God and Man,

A. Man, Man and God. God and Man,

T. 8 Man and God. God and Man,

B. Man and God. God, God and Man,

Pno.

96 *mf* *mp* ♩ = 70

E Più mosso ♩ = 80 *mf*

S. God and Man, God and Man; ♩ = 3

A. God and Man, God and Man and God and Man; ♩ = 3

T. 8 God and Man, God and Man; ♩ = 3

B. God, God and Man, God, God and Man; ♩ = 3

Pno.

10

F Più mosso ♩ = 100

S. *mf*

A. *mf*

T. *mf*

B. *mf*

Pno.

God, the source of bound-less Love,
God! God! God the source, the source of bound-less Love.
God!
God! Bound - - less
God! Bound - - less
Love!

107

S. — the source of bound-less Love!

A. — The source of all bound-less Love!

T. God is the source of bound - less Love!

B. Bound - - - less Love!

Pno.

11

G

111 *mp* *staccatissimo* *mf*

S. - Man, self-ob - sessed and in - dif-frent to that Love. This self - full
staccatissimo *mf* *mp*

A. Man, self-ob - sessed, self-obsessed and in - dif-frent to that Love This self - full
mp *staccatissimo*

T. Man, self-ob - sessed, self-obsessed and in - dif-frent to that Love. This self - full-ness of
mf *mp*

B. Man, self-obsessed and in - dif-frent to that Love This self -
mp

Pno. *mp*

117

S. - ness of Man is the sin that holds him a - part

A. - ness of Man is the sin, is the sin, that holds him a -

T. Man, this self - full - ness of Man is the sin that holds him a - part
staccatissimo

B. full - ness is the sin that holds him a - part.

Pno.

Meno mosso

rall. *mf* *mp* *p*

123

S. — from God. The

A. part from God.

T. — from God. a - part from God, from God, from God. For the

B. — Holds him a- part.

Pno.

Meno mosso

rall. *mf* *mp* *p*

H

129

S. God of Just-ice rend-ers to each his due, to each his due, his due, his

A. God of Just - ice each his due, to each his due, his due, his

T. God of Just-ice rend-ers to each his due, his due, his due, his

B. God of Just - ice to each his due, his due, his due, his

Pno.

rall. *mf*

p

p

p

H

rall.

136 *mp*

S. due. But the God of Mer-cy tem-pers Just - ice with Love.

A. *p* due. God of Mer - cy tem - pers Just-ice with

T. *p* due. God of Mer-cy tem - pers Just - ice

B. due. God of Mer - cy tem-pers Just -

Pno. *p* = 80

142

S. — a Love, a Love so great. a Love so great as to

A. Love, a Love so great. a Love so great!

T. — with Love, Love, Love, Love so great!

B. ice with Love, Love, Love, Love!

Pno. *p*

148 **rall.**

S. *p* re - con - cile, *pp* re - con - cile, *p* through the

A. *pp* Mer - cy, — Mer - cy!

T. *pp* Mer - cy, — Mer - cy!

B. *pp* Mer - cy, — Mer - cy!

Pno. *rall.*

153 *mp* death of His Son, Man - kind once more to Him - self. *rall.* *pp niente*

A. *p* Man-kind once more to Him - self. *pp niente*

T. *p* Man-kind once more to Him - self. *pp niente*

B. *p* Man once more to Him - self. *pp niente*

Pno. *rall.*

Duration 6'49"