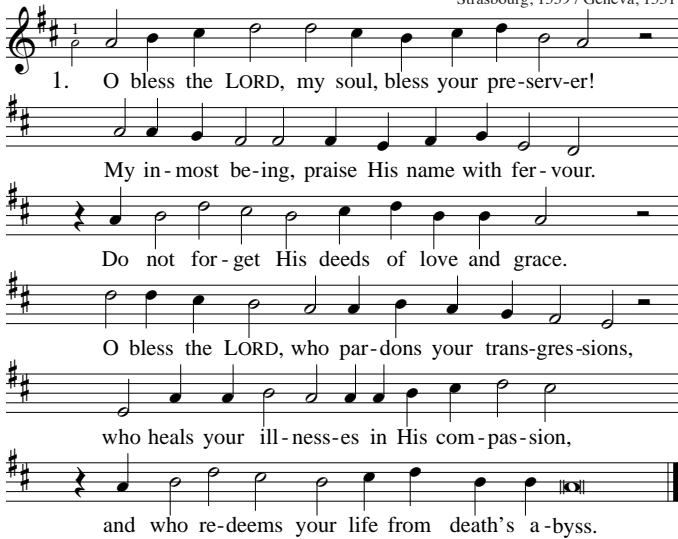


PSALM 103

Of David.

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1. O bless the LORD, my soul, bless your pre-serv-er!
 My in-most be-ing, praise His name with fer-vour.
 Do not for-get His deeds of love and grace.
 O bless the LORD, who par-dons your trans-gres-sions,
 who heals your ill-ness-es in His com-pas-sion,
 and who re-deems your life from death's a-byss.

2. *O bless the LORD, who with His mercy crowns you, who with His love and faithfulness surrounds you, who grants His bounteous gifts your whole life through. To Him who shows His righteousness, sing praises; from their affliction He His people raises. Your youth He, like the eagle's, will renew.*
3. *To the oppressed His justice He discloses. His ways He long ago revealed to Moses; His deeds He has to Israel made known. Great is His love! The LORD is slow to anger. He will not let His wrath forever linger and will not endlessly accuse His own.*

4. The *LORD* has dealt with us in great compassion,
not punished us according to transgression.
High as the vault of heaven, without end,
so great *His* mercy is to those who fear Him;
He sweeps the sins of all those who revere Him
as far away as east from west extends.
5. In tender mercy, like that of a father
who has compassion on his sons and daughters,
God looks on those who put in Him their trust.
On all who fear Him, He will have compassion,
for well He knows how we were formed and fashioned;
the *LORD* remembers that we're only dust.
6. Life is like grass, so quick to fade and perish,
or like a flower that will but briefly flourish,
that sears and withers in the blowing wind;
soon it is gone, not leaving any traces.
But *God* is ever merciful and gracious:
His love stands firm, abiding without end.
7. *God's* mercy, everlasting and unailing,
His righteousness, for evermore prevailing,
will rest on those who worship Him with awe.
God will be faithful through the generations.
To children's children who with dedication
uphold His covenant and obey His laws.
8. His holy throne the *LORD* in heaven has founded;
from there He rules with sovereign power unbounded,
for all the universe is His domain.
Praise Him, you angels, great in might and splendour.
You loyal servants, in your awe and wonder
shout forth the praise of His eternal reign!

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9. You hosts of an-gels, wor-ship and a-dore Him.

All you who serve and min-is-ter be-fore Him,

His jus-tice and His maj-es-ty ex-tol!

Let all cre-at-ed things in glad com-mun-ion

ex-alt His name through-out His vast do-min-ion.

Come, praise the LORD and bless Him, O my soul!