

The Face of the Father's Mercy

Written for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
in celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy
2015-2016

Choral/Keyboard Score

Inspired by *Misericordiae Vultus*,
by His Holiness Pope Francis

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Processional q = 60

Keyboard*

(In the festival version, an optional brass prologue precedes the keyboard introduction
* when played on piano or keyboard the left hand may be arpeggiated ad libitum)

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8 **Verse 1 (All voices in unison)**

S.

1. Je - sus Christ is the face of the Fa - ther's mer - cy; — Slow to an - ger, rich in

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2
11
S.

stead-fast love and kind ness. Gen-tle Sav-ior in whom re- vealed is the mys' - try--

(play cue notes in absence of strings)

15
S.

God's re-deem-ing love, joy - ful well-spring of se - ren - i - ty and peace.

18 **Refrain**

S.

May the Church be the voice of ev' - ry man and wo-man cry - ing "Lord, your mer - cy and

A.

May the Church be the voice of ev' - ry man and wo-man cry - ing "Lord, your mer - cy and

T.

May the Church be the voice of ev' - ry man and wo-man cry - ing "Lord, your mer - cy and

B.

May the Church be the voice of ev' - ry man and wo-man cry - ing "Lord, your mer - cy and

22

S.  love are from of old." Let her be the chan-nel of com-pass-ion and par-don.

A.  love are from of old." Let her be the chan-nel of com-pass-ion and par-don.

T.  love are from of old." Let her be the chan-nel of com-pass-ion and par-don.

B.  love are from of old." Let her be the chan-nel of com-pass-ion and par-don.



1.2. (Ending 3 on page 5)

26

S.  Bless-ed the mer-ci-ful for they shall know the mer-cy of God.

A.  Bless-ed the mer-ci-ful for they shall know the mer-cy of God.

T.  Bless-ed the mer-ci-ful for they shall know the mer-cy of God.

B. 

1.2. (Ending 3 on page 5)



4 **Verse 2 Women (optional)**
Verse 3 Men (optional)

30

S.

2. Moth - er Ma - ry is the face of the Fa - ther's mer cy. Low - ly maid - en who would
 3. Sis - ters, broth - ers, be the face of the Fath - er's mer cy. Liv - ing sym - bols of God

mp

(when played on organ use lighter registration for verses 2 and 3)

33

S.

bear cre - a-tion's Sav - ior-- mov - ing in our lives. Called by God to be the Ark of the Cove - nant--
 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, greet the out - cast.

(beat 3 cue notes on verse 3)

37 **to Refrain (m 18)**

S.

Sang her hymn in praise of the kind - ness and mer - cy of the Lord. Com - fort the af - flict - ed, bear in pa - tience the ones who do you ill.

A.

Sang her hymn of the kind - ness and mer - cy of the Lord. Com - fort and bear in pa - tience the ones who do you ill.

T.

Sang her hymn of the kind - ness and mer - cy of the Lord. Com - fort and bear in pa - tience the ones who do you ill.

B.

Sang her hymn of the kind - ness and mer - cy of the Lord. Com - fort and bear in pa - tience the ones who do you ill.

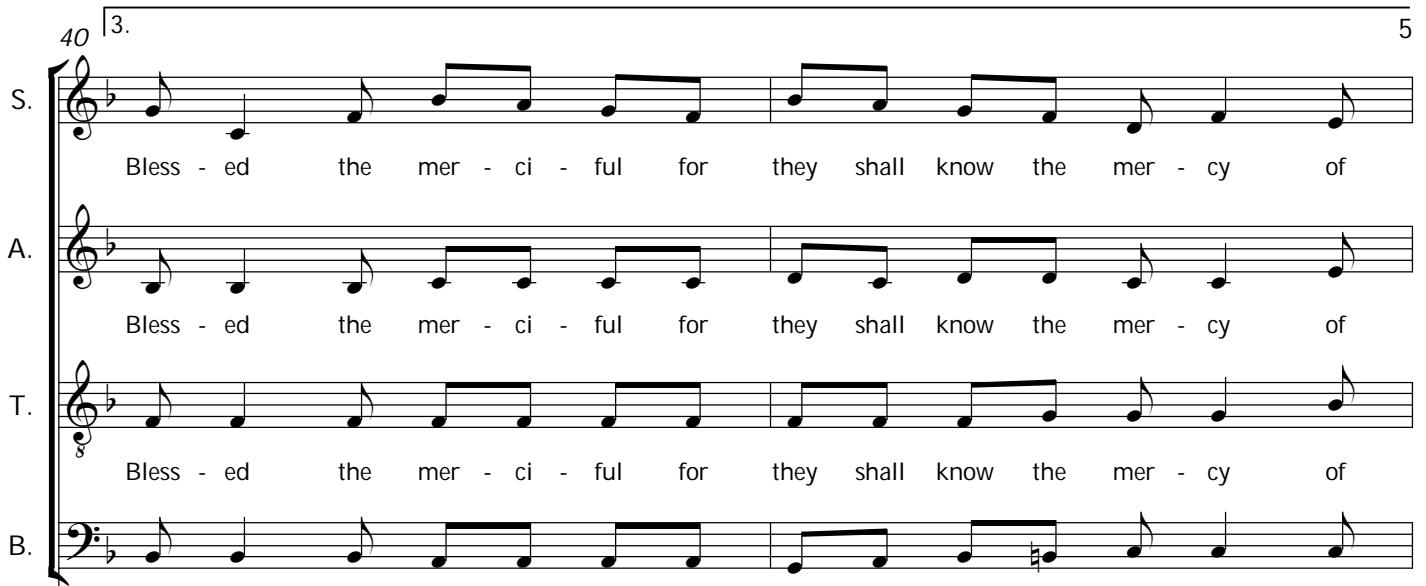
40 3. 5

S. Bless - ed the mer - ci - ful for they shall know the mer - cy of

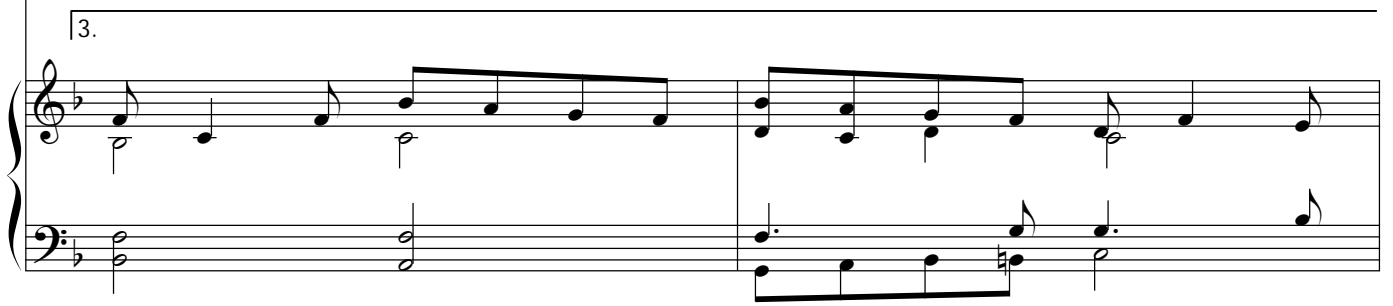
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T. Bless - ed the mer - ci - ful for they shall know the mer - cy of

B. Bless - ed the mer - ci - ful for they shall know the mer - cy of



3.



42 poco rit.

S. God.

A. God.

T. God.

B. God.



poco rit.



6 45 **Maestoso** q = 56

S. 4. Moth - er Church be the face of the Fath - er's mer - cy. Turn our eyes to see the

A. 4. Moth - er Church be the face of the Fath - er's mer - cy. Turn our eyes to see the

T. 4. Moth - er Church be the face of the Fath - er's mer - cy. Turn our eyes to the

B. 4. Moth - er Church be the face of the Fath - er's mer - cy. Turn our eyes to the

Maestoso q = 56

48

S. mis' - ry of the world; Voice-less mil-lions who are de - nied their dig - ni - ty.

A. mis' - ry of the world; Voice-less mil - ions who are de - nied their dig - ni - ty.

T. mis' - ry of the world; Voice - less mil - ions de - nied their dig - ni - ty.

B. mis' - ry of the world; Voice - less mil - ions de - nied their dig - ni - ty.

52

S. Bind and heal their wounds, and bathe them in con - so - la - tion's oil.

A. Bind and heal their wounds, and bathe them in con - so - la - tion's oil.

T. Bind and heal their wounds, and bathe them in con - so - la - tion's oil.

B. Bind and heal their wounds, and bathe them in con - so - la - tion's oil.

55 Refrain

S. May the Church be the voice of ev' - ry man and wo-man cry - ing "Lord, your mer - cy and

A. May the Church be the voice of ev' - ry man and wo-man cry - ing "Lord, your mer - cy and

T. May the Church be the voice of ev' - ry man and wo-man cry - ing "Lord, your mer - cy and

B. May the Church be the voice of ev' - ry man and wo-man cry - ing "Lord, your mer - cy and

8 59

S. love are from of old." Let her be the chan-nel of com - pass-ion and par - don.

A. love are from of old." Let her be the chan-nel of com - pass-ion and par - don.

T. love are from of old." Let her be the chan-nel of com - pass-ion and par - don.

B. love are from of old." Let her be the chan-nel of com - pass-ion and par - don.

63 **Broadly** rit.

S. Bless - ed the mer - ci - ful for they shall know the mer - cy of God.

A. Bless - ed the mer - ci - ful for they shall know the mer - cy of God.

T. Bless - ed the mer - ci - ful for they shall know the mer - cy of God.

B. Bless - ed the mer - ci - ful for they shall know the mer - cy of God.

rit.