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**Loving and Forgiving**  
SATB Choir, Keyboard, Guitar,  
Flute, Oboe, Assembly

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**CHORAL SERIES**

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Preview



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Based on Psalm 103

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INTRO: (♩ = ca. 80)

Keyboard

*mp* *rit.*

### REFRAIN:

♩ Soprano/Melody

*a tempo mf* Lov - ing and for - giv - ing are you, O

Alto

Lov - ing, for - giv - ing are you, O

Tenor

Bass *mf a tempo*

*a tempo mf*

Lord; slow to an - ger, rich in kind - ness, lov - ing and for -

Lord; slow to an - ger, lov - ing, for -

giv - ing are you. **1-4** to Verses **Final** you.

The first system of music features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics "giv - ing are you." and "you." with a "1-4" measure rest above the first "you." and a "Final" instruction above the second "you.". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand.

**1-4** to Verses **Final**

The second system is primarily piano accompaniment. It includes a "1-4" measure rest and "to Verses" and "Final" instructions. The right hand plays chords, and the left hand plays a melodic line.

*Fine*

The third system shows the piano accompaniment concluding with a "Fine" instruction. The right hand has a final chord, and the left hand has a final note.

*mp* *rit.* *Fine*

The fourth system continues the piano accompaniment with dynamics *mp* and *rit.*, ending with a "Fine" instruction. The right hand has a final chord, and the left hand has a final note.

VERSES: Cantor(s)

*mf*

1. 7 All my be - ing, bless the Lord, bless the ho - ly  
 2. 7 God for - gives us all our sins, heal - ing those who  
 3. 7 Good and gra - cious is the Lord, slow to an - ger,  
 4. As heav - en soars a - bove the earth, so great the love of

*mp*

1. name of God. All my be - ing, bless the Lord, re -  
 2. live in pain, sav - ing us from fi - nal death. God  
 3. rich in love. God re - mem - bers not our sins; for -  
 4. God for us. As far as east is from the west, the

*rit.* *D.S.*

1. mem - b'ring the good - ness of God.  
 2. fills us with good - ness and love.  
 3. giv - ing and lov - ing is God.  
 4. Lord takes our sins from us.

*rit.* *D.S.*

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FLUTE AND OBOE

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**INTRO:** (♩ = ca. 80)    **REFRAIN:**    **VERSE 1:**    **REFRAIN:**

4    10    10

Flute

Oboe  
*a tempo mf*

1 to Verse 2    2 to Verse 3

**VERSE 2:** *Flute tacet*

Oboe  
*mp*

**VERSE 3:** *Oboe tacet*

Flute  
*mp*

*rit.*

**REFRAIN:**

Flute

Oboe  
*a tempo mf*

*rit.*

**VERSE 4:**

1 to Vs. 4    **Final**    *Fine*    *mf*

*rit.*

*rit.*    **D.S.**

# Loving and Forgiving

(Guitar/Vocal)

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**INTRO:** (♩ = ca. 80)

Capo 3: (D) F (A/C#) C/E (G/B) B♭/D (Asus4) Csus4 *rit.* (A) C

**REFRAIN:**

(D) F (A/C#) C/E (G/B) B♭/D (D) F (G) B♭

*a tempo mf*

Lov-ing and for - giv - ing are you, O Lord; slow to an - ger,

(D/F#) F/A (Em7) Gm7 (G/A) B♭/C (A) C 1-4 (D) F to Verses

rich in kind - ness, lov-ing and for - giv - ing are you.

**Final**

(D) F (Em7) Gm7 (G/A) B♭/C *rit.* (A) C (D) F *Fine*

you.

**VERSES:** Cantor(s)

*mf* (G) B♭ (G/A) B♭/C (A) C (F#m) Am

1. ♪ All my be - ing, bless the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ bless the ho - ly  
 2. ♪ God for - gives us all our sins, \_\_\_\_\_ heal - ing those who  
 3. ♪ Good and gra - cious is the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ slow to an - ger,  
 4. As heav - en soars a - bove the earth, so great the love of

(A/G) (G) (Em7) (A) (Bm)  
C/B $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C Dm

1. name of God. \_\_\_\_\_ All my be - ing, bless the Lord, re -  
2. live in pain, \_\_\_\_\_ sav - ing us \_\_\_\_\_ from fi - nal death. God  
3. rich in love. \_\_\_\_\_ God re - mem - bers not our sins; for -  
4. God for us. As far as east \_\_\_\_\_ is from the west, the

(Em) (C) (G/B) (G/A) (A)  
Gm Eb B $\flat$ /D B $\flat$ /C C

1. mem - b'ring the good - ness of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. fills us with good - ness and love. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. giv - ing and lov - ing is God. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Lord takes our sins \_\_\_\_\_ from us. \_\_\_\_\_

## Performance Notes

*Loving and Forgiving* is a poetic adaptation of Psalm 103, “The Lord is kind and merciful...” Psalm 103 appears in the Lectionary as one of the common psalms for Ordinary Time; it may also be used for weddings, reconciliation, anointing of the sick, and funerals.

This arrangement should be performed simply in a gentle, *legato* style. Piano and guitar both work well on this piece; the vocal harmony parts add interest (especially if added only on the latter refrains and verses) but may be considered optional.

—S.S.

## Assembly Edition

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REFRAIN:



Lov-ing and for - giv-ing are you, O Lord; slow to an - ger,



rich in kind-ness, lov-ing and for - giv - ing are you. *Fine*

VERSES:



1. 7 All my be - ing, bless the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ bless the ho - ly
2. 7 God for-gives us all our sins, \_\_\_\_\_ heal-ing those who
3. 7 Good and gra - cious is the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ slow to an - ger,
4. As heav-en soars a - bove the earth, so great the love of



1. name of God. \_\_\_\_\_ All my be - ing, bless the Lord, re -
2. live in pain, \_\_\_\_\_ sav - ing us from fi - nal death. God
3. rich in love. \_\_\_\_\_ God re - mem - bers not our sins; for -
4. God for us. As far as east is from the west, the



to Refrain

1. mem - b'ring the good - ness of God. \_\_\_\_\_
2. fills us with good - ness and love. \_\_\_\_\_
3. giv - ing and lov - ing is God. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Lord takes our sins \_\_\_\_\_ from us. \_\_\_\_\_

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