

The responsive psalm is **Psalm 103**. This can be found in the **Red Psalter** in your pew. We will be reading verses **6-22** and singing **Refrain I**.

Psalm 103

REFRAIN I *Henry vanDyke, alt..*

HYMN TO JOY
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God is giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest.

- 6 The LÓRD wórks jústice
and vindicates all thé ópprésed.
- 7 God's ways were made knówn tó Móses,
God's acts to the péople óf Ísrael.
- 8 **The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in stéadfást lóve.**
- 9 **The Lord will not always accuse,
nor harbor ánger fóréver.**
- 10 The Lord does not deal with us according tó óur síns,
nor repay us according to our iníquíties.
- 11 **For as the heavens are high abóve thé éarth,
so great is the steadfast love shown to those who revére
Gód;**
- 12 **as far as the east is fróm thé wést,
so far does God remove our transgréssións fróm us.**
- 13 As a father has compassion fór hís chíldren,
so the LORD has compassion
for those who féár Gód.
- 14 **The Lord knows how wé wére máde;
and remembers that wé áre dúst. R**
- 15 As for mortals, their days áre like gráss;
they flourish like a flower óf thé fíeld;
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and ít ís góne,
and its place knows ít nó móre.
- 17 **But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting
to évérlásting
on those who revere God,
and God's righteousness to chíldrén's chíldren,**
- 18 **to those who kéept thé cóvenant
and remember to do Gód's cómmándments.**

19 The LORD has established a throne in the heavens,
and the kingdom of God rules over all.

20 **Bless the LORD, O you angels,
you mighty ones who do God's bidding,
obedient to God's spoken word.**

21 Bless the LORD, all you hosts,
you ministers that do God's will.

22 **Bless the LORD, all creation,
in all places of God's dominion.
Bless the LORD, Ó my soul. R**