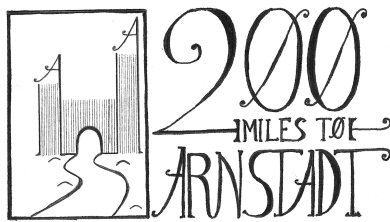


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Joshua Taylor, Director, on the occasion of the retirement
of the Rev. Dr. Bruce Buchanan, Associate Pastor for Community Ministries
and Executive Director of the Stewpot, and longest-serving minister
of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas.
With all my love.*

I will sing of mercy and of justice; (Ps. 101, 1a)
Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; (Ps 89, 1a)
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth (Ps 9a)
For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever,
Thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens. (Ps. 89, 2)

*Hear my teaching, O my people;
Open your ears to the words of my mouth. (Ps. 78:1)*
God takes the stand in the council of heaven;
[God] gives judgment in the midst of the gods. (Ps. 82: 1)
*Hear my teaching, O my people;
Open your ears to the words of my mouth. (Ps. 78:1)*
"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked.
Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy.
Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked." (Ps. 82: 3-4)

*Hear my teaching, O my people;
Open your ears to the words of my mouth. (Ps. 78:1)*
Happy are they who consider the poor and needy:
The Lord will deliver them out of trouble.
*Hear my teaching, O my people;
Open your ears to the words of my mouth. (Ps. 78:1)*
For [God] shall speak peace unto [the] people (Ps. 85, 8b)
The mountains [also] shall bring peace, (and the [little] hills righteousness unto the people.)
(Ps. 72, 3(a))

Truth shall flourish out of the earth, and righteousness hath looked down from heaven. (Ps.
85, 11)
[The Lord] shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, even as the drops that water the
earth.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table
of thine heart. (Proverbs 3:3)

[For] the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the service of righteousness shall be
quietness and assurance for ever. (Isaiah 32:17)

Therefore my heart dances for joy,
and in my song will I praise [God]. (Ps. 28: 9)

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Douglas Buchanan (b. 1984)

Broad, expansive
(♩ = c. 52)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

Broad, expansive
(♩ = c. 52)

p *cresc.*

S

A

T

B

Pno.

love, O Lord,

I will sing of mer - cy and of jus - tice; your love, O Lord,

I will sing of mer - cy and of jus - tice; your love, O Lord, for -

I will sing of mer - cy and of jus - tice; your love, O Lord, for -

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mf *dim. poco a poco* **Warm** *mp*

S O Lord, for-e-ver will I sing, will I sing;

A *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *mp*

T *mf* for - e-ver will I sing, for e-ver will I sing, will I sing;

B *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *mp*

e-ver will I sing, for e-ver will I sing, will I sing;

e-ver will I sing, for - e-ver will I sing, will I sing;

Pno. *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *mp*

11 **A** *cantabile, warmly* *poco f*

S All the paths are mer-cy and

A

T

B *cantabile, warmly* *poco f*

All the paths of the Lord are mer-cy and

11 **A** *poco f*

Pno. *poco f*

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14

S truth, all the paths of the Lord are mer - cy and

A *poco f cantabile, warmly* All the paths of the Lord are mer - cy and truth, all the paths

T *poco f cantabile, warmly* All the paths are mer - cy and truth, all the paths of the

B truth, all the paths are mer - cy and

Pno.

16

S truth, For I have said,

A are mer - cy and truth, For I have said,

T Lord are mer - cy and truth, For I have said,

B truth, For I have said,

Pno.

B

18 *f* *ff*

S Mer - cy shall be set up for e - - - ver,

A Mer - cy shall be set up for e - - - ver,

T Mer - cy shall be set up for e - - - ver,

B Mer - cy shall be set up for e - - - ver,

Pno. *f* *ff*

20 *mp* *poco rall.*

S Thy truth shalt thou stab-lish in the hea - vens.

A Thy truth shalt thou stab-lish in the hea - vens.

T Thy truth shalt thou stab-lish in the hea - vens.

B Thy truth shalt thou stab-lish in the hea - vens.

Pno. *mp* *dim. poco a poco* *poco rall.*

S *p* Hear my teach - ing, — O — my peo - ple; o - pen your ears to the words of my

A *p* Hear my teach - ing, — O — my peo - ple; o - pen your ears to the words of my

T *p* Hear my teach - ing, — O — my peo - ple; o - pen your ears to the words of my

B *p* Hear my teach - ing, — O — my peo - ple; o - pen your ears to the words of my

Pno. *a tempo* *p*

S 25 mouth. O — my peo - ple, —

A *solo* mouth. God takes the place in the coun - cil of hea - ven — O — my peo - ple, — God gives judg - ment in the

T 8 mouth. O — my peo - ple, —

B mouth. O — my peo - ple, —

Pno. 25

6

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S *mp* Hear my teach - ing, O my peo - ple, o - pen your ears to the words of my

A *(solo)* *mp* midst of the Gods. *tutti:* Hear my teach - ing, O my peo - ple, o - pen your ears to the words of my

T *mp* Hear my teach - ing, O my peo - ple, o - pen your ears to the words of my

B *mp* Hear my teach - ing, O my peo - ple, o - pen your ears to the words of my

D

Pno.

S 30 mouth. *mf* O my peo - ple

A 30 mouth. *mf* O my peo - ple

T 8 mouth. How long will you judge un - just - ly, and show fa - vor to the wick - ed, Save the weak and the

B mouth. *mf* *tutti:* O my peo - ple *cresc.*

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33 (solo) *dim., subito; calm* *cresc.*

T
8
or-phan; de-fend the hum-ble and need-y. Res-cue the weak and poor; de-li-ver them from the pow-er of the

Pno.

[E] *mf*

S
Hear my teach-ing, O ³ my peo-ple, O pen your ears to the words of my mouth.

A
mf
Hear my teach-ing, O ³ my peo-ple, O - pen your ears to the words of my mouth.

T
mf wick-ed
8
Hear my teach-ing, O ³ my peo-ple, O - pen your ears to the words of my mouth.

B
mf
Hear my teach-ing, O ³ my peo-ple, O - pen your ears to the words of my mouth. Hap-py are they who con-

[E]

Pno.

(pleadingly) I Will Sing of Mercy and of Justice

39

S *mp* *molto* *f*
O ³ my peo - ple — Hear my teach-ing,

A *mp* *molto* *f*
O — my peo - ple — Hear my teach-ing,

T *mp* *molto* *f*
8 *(solo)* si - der the poor and need - y, — Hear my teach-ing,
The Lord will de - li - veg them out of troub - le.

B *tutti: mp* *molto* *f*
mp *molto* *f*
O ³ my peo - ple — Hear my teach-ing,

Pno.

42

S *chanted; espressivo*
O ³ my peo - ple, o - pen your ears to the words of my mouth. *solo* For God shall speak

A *chanted; espressivo*
O — my peo - ple, o - pen your ears to the words of my mouth.

T *chanted; espressivo*
8 O ³ my peo - ple, o - pen your ears to the words of my mouth.

B *chanted; espressivo*
O ³ my peo - ple o - pen your ears to the words of my mouth.

Pno.

(+32')

45 *solo*

S

45 peace un-to the peo-ple, the moun-tains al-so shall bring peace, and the lit-tle hills righ-teous-ness un-to the

Pno.

48 *solo*

S

48 peo-ple. Truth shall flour - ish out of the earth, and righ-teous-ness have looked down from heav'n,

Pno.

52 *solo*

S

52 The Lord shall come down like rain u-pon the mown grass, e-ven as the drops that wa-ter the

Pno.

55 *solo*

S

55 earth. Let not mer-cy and truth for-sake thee: bind them a-bout thy neck; write them u-pon the tab-le of thine

Pno.

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p

S heart. For the work of righ-teous-ness shall be peace; and the ser-vice of righ-teous-ness shall be

A For the work of righ-teous-ness shall be peace; and the ser-vice of righ-teous-ness shall be

T For the work of righ-teous-ness shall be peace; and the ser-vice of righ-teous-ness shall be

B For the work of righ-teous-ness shall be peace; and the ser-vice of righ-teous-ness shall be

p

G

Pno.

poco a poco accel a ♩ = 60 (♩ = 120)

S qui - et - ness and as - sur - ance for - e - ver. —

A qui - et - ness and as - sur - ance for - e - ver. —

T qui - et - ness and as - sur - ance for - e - ver. —

B qui - et - ness and as - sur - ance for e - ver. —

poco a poco accel a ♩ = 60 (♩ = 120)

Pno.

66

S
There - fore

A
There - fore my heart dan-ces for joy and in my heart I shall

T
There - fore

B
There - fore my heart dan-ces for joy and in my heart I shall

Pno.

70

S
mf my heart dan-ces for joy and in my heart I shall praise God. *mp*

A
mf praise God. *p* My heart

T
mf my heart dan-ces for joy and in my heart I shall praise God. *f* *mp*

B
mf praise God. *p* My heart

Pno.

con spirito (♩ = c. 120) *f*

82 *f*

S song — shall I praise God and in my song — shall I

A and in my song — shall I praise God,

T 8 song — shall I praise God and in my song — shall I

B and in my song — shall I praise God,

Pno.

86 *mf*

S praise God and in my song — shall I praise God, and in my song — shall I

A *mf* and in my song — shall I praise God, — and in my song — shall I praise God,

T 8 praise God and in my song — shall I praise God,

B *mf* and in my song — shall I praise God, — And in my

Pno.

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S *mf* praise God, and in my song — shall I praise God, and in my *f*

A *mf* and in my song — shall I praise God, and in my song — shall I *f* *cresc.*

T *mf* and in my song — shall I praise God, and in my song — shall I praise God, *f* *cresc.*

B song — shall I praise God, and in my song — *f*

Pno. *mf* *f* *cresc.*

S *cresc.* song, — my song — shall I praise God. *sffzmf*

A praise God, and in my song — shall I praise God. *sffzmf*

T and in my song, shall I praise God. *sffzmf*

B *cresc.* shall I praise — God, shall I praise God. *sffzmf*

Pno. *sffzmf*

100

S *mf* My heart dan-ces for joy

A *mf* My heart dan-ces for joy

T *mf* My heart dan-ces for joy

B *mf* My heart dan-ces for joy

Pno.

105

S *f* My heart dan-ces for joy *p poco a poco cresc.* My heart dan-ces for joy,

A *f* My heart dan-ces for joy *p poco a poco cresc.* My heart

T *f* My heart dan-ces for joy *p poco a poco cresc.* My heart dan-ces for

B *f* My heart dan-ces for joy

Pno.

I Will Sing of Mercy and of Justice

S: My heart dan - ces for joy, My heart dan - ces for
A: dan - ces for joy, My heart dan - ces for joy,
T: joy, My heart dan - ces for joy, dan - ces for
B: *p* My heart dan - ces for joy, My heart dan - ces for joy,
Pno. *poco a poco cresc.*

S: joy, and in my song shall I
A: and in my song shall I
T: and in my song shall I
B: and in my song shall I
Pno. *molto rall. piu f*

118 **With joy; majestic** (♩ = c. 52) *ff*

S
A
T
B

praise God. I will sing of mer - cy and of jus - tice, your

Pno.

molto rall.
optional: *tempo*

124 *fff*

S
A
T
B

love, O Lord, for - e - ver will I sing.

fff

fff

fff

love, O Lord, for - e - ver will I sing.

molto rall. *a tempo*

Pno.