

## 36. THE BLESSED SON OF GOD

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**Andante sostenuto** (♩ = 100)

*p dolce*

SOPRANO

The bless - ed son of God\_ on - ly In a crib full\_ poor did

ALTO

The bless - ed son of God\_ on - ly In a crib full\_ poor\_ did

TENOR

The bless - ed son\_ of God\_ on - ly In a crib full\_ poor did

BASS

The bless - ed son of God on - ly In a crib full\_ poor\_ did

**Andante sostenuto** (♩ = 100)

*p*

(for  
practice  
only)

lie; With our poor flesh and our poor\_ blood Was clothed that ev - er -

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Reprinted from the cantata *Hodie* (O.U.P.)

- last - ing good. Ky - ri - e - lei - - son. The  
 Lord - have mer - - cy. The

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**1**  
 Lord Christ Je - su, God's son - dear, Was a guest and a strang - er here;

Lord Christ Je - su, God's son - dear, Was a guest and a strang - er here; —

Lord Christ Je - su, God's son - dear, Was a guest and a strang - er here; —

Lord Christ Je - su, God's son - dear, Was a guest and a strang - er here;

**1**



Us for to bring from mi - se - ry, That we might live e - ter - nal - ly.

Us for to bring from mi - se - ry, That we might live e - ter - nal - ly.

Us for to bring from mi - se - ry, That we might live e - ter - nal - ly.

Us for to bring from mi - se - ry, That we might live e - ter - nal - ly.

**2** *pp*

Ky - ri - e - lei - son. All this did he  
Lord have mer - cy.

*pp*

Ky - ri - e - lei - son. All this did he  
Lord have mer - cy.

*pp*

Ky - ri - e - lei - son. All this did he  
Lord have mer - cy.

*p cantabile*

Ky - ri - e - lei - son. All this did he for  
Lord have mer - cy.

**2** *pp*

*p cantabile*

for us free-ly, For to de-clare his great mer-cy; All Christ-en-

for us free-ly, For to de-clare his great mer-cy; All Christ-en-

for us free-ly, For to de-clare his great mer-cy; All Christ-en-

us free-ly, For to de-clare his great mer-cy; All Christ-en-

-dom be mer-ry there-fore, And give him thanks for ev-er-more,

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**[3]** *p*

ev - - - er - more. Ky - ri - e - lei - - - son,  
 Lord - have mer - - - cy,

*p*

ev - er - more. Ky - ri - e - lei, e - lei - - - son,  
 Lord - have mer - cy, mer - - - cy

*p*

Ky - ri - e - lei - - - son, e - lei - - - son,  
 Lord - have mer - - - cy, have mer - - - cy,

*p*

Ky - ri - e - lei - - - son. Ky - ri - e - lei - - - son,  
 Lord - have mer - - - cy, Lord - have mer - - - cy,

**[3]**

*pp*

Ky - ri - e - lei - - - son.  
 Lord - have mer - - - cy.

*pp*

Ky - ri - e - lei - - - son.  
 Lord - have mer - - - cy, mer - - - cy.

*pp*

Ky - ri - e - lei - - - son.  
 Lord - have mer - - - cy, mer - - - cy.

*pp*

Ky - ri - e - lei - - - son.  
 Lord - have mer - - - cy, mer - - - cy.