

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Luke 1, vv 46-50, 53-54; refrain Isaiah 61, v 10

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R My soul re-joic - es, — my soul re-joic - es, re-joic - es in my God.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is a vocal line with a piano accompaniment. The second system is a piano accompaniment for the organ, with a vocal line above it. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has six measures. The second system has six measures, with a 'v 1, 2' marking above the first measure and a 'v 3' marking above the third measure.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness,
henceforth all ages will call me bless'd. *R*

2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy, his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. *R*

3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
rememb'ring his mercy. *R*

The refrain is heard three times at the start: first played on the organ, then sung by the cantor, and then sung by all; it is then repeated by all after each verse.

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