

LOVE AND JUSTICE

Psalm 101

I will sing of your unfailing love and justice;
To you, Holy One, I will sing.
- *Psalm 101.1*

Psalm Synopsis: A king speaks of his own integrity, praising God's love and justice which he desires to enact in his kingdom.

Place in worship: Healing services, Preaching

Seasons for use: RCL- Psalm 101 is not in the Revised Common Lectionary
Moments of discernment

Songleader's notes:

- Psalm 101 is tough to peg in terms of voice, time period and purpose. It seems to be part kingly proclamation and part lament over the changes in Israel.
- Verse 1 of the Psalm uses the Hebrew word *hesed*-- steadfast, covenant love. That makes the opening verse about "love and justice."
- Verse 2: The English word for "integrity" in Hebrew is *tamim*, meaning whole or complete. Personal integrity is a drive for wholeness for everyone.
- Reflection for your community: Love and justice sometimes seem opposed to one another, but that's only true if the love is sentimental and justice cruel. The people of Israel knew God's covenant love to be a passionate, lasting and orienting presence shaping their lives-- far from sentimental. They knew God's brand of justice to be about fairness for the whole community, a commitment to honesty, not punishment. What models do you have of love and justice working hand in hand?

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D m D m/C G m B \flat

Two feet walk - ing, love and jus - tice, rug - ged jour - ney.____
Two arms o - pen, love and jus - tice, to cre - a - tion____
Two per - spec - tives, love and jus - tice, come to - geth - er____
Two hands hold - ing, love and jus - tice, world is learn - ing____

5 D m D m/C G m B \flat

In - side, out - side, full at - ten - tion, cir - cle sweep - ing____
For - ests, moun - tains, ev - 'ry o - cean, ev - 'ry na - tion____
Moon - rise, sun - set, sin - gle king - dom, earth and heav - en____
El - ders smil - ing, bab - ies nurs - ing, spi - rit burn - ing.____

9 G m C D m

Love and__ jus - tice, Love and__ jus - tice Oh____
Bring us to whole - ness

13 G m C D m

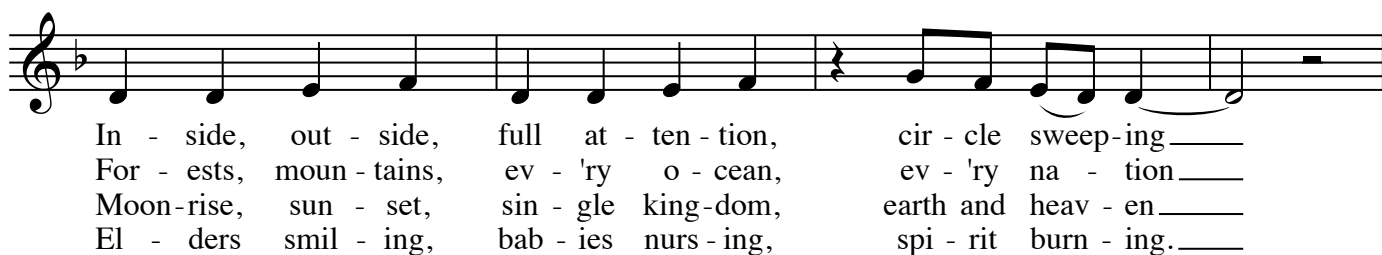
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