



Hymn of the Week

November 10, 2019 • 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Have Mercy God

Text: Richard Leach, based on Psalm 127.

“Psalm 127 begins by noting three things we do in vain without holy blessing. I thought of how much effort we put into such things, and paraphrased the psalm as a plea for mercy. The final stanza gives thanks for families, widening the language used by some translations of the psalms.” –Richard Leach

Music: MIACOMET KYRIE, Carson Cooman, 2001.

Tune named for a place on Nantucket and the “Have mercy” nature of the text.

Topics: Children, Family, Mercy, Repentance, Rest

Scripture references: Psalm 127

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1 Have mer - cy God; how ver - y
 2 Have mer - cy God; how ver - y
 3 Have mer - cy God; and give us
 4 Our chil - dren, God; are gifts from

much we build with - out your build - ing too.
 much we guard that you re - fuse to guard.
 rest we've had e - nough of anx - ious toil.
 you; as we make homes, you make them too.

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 Music: Carson Cooman, 2001.
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Have mercy God; how very much
we build without your building too.

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we guard that you refuse to guard.

Have mercy God; and give us rest
we've had enough of anxious toil.

Our children, God; are gifts from you;
as we make homes, you make them too.

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