R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, 
slow to anger, abounding in mercy. 
He has not dealt with us as our sins merit, 
nor requited us as our wrongs deserve.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

As a father has compassion on his children, 
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. 
For he knows how we are formed, 
remembers that we are dust.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

As for man, his days are like the grass; 
he blossoms like a flower in the field. 
A wind sweeps over it and it is gone; 
its place knows it no more.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

But the LORD’s mercy is from age to age, 
toward those who fear him. 
His salvation is for the children’s children 
of those who keep his covenant, 
and remember to carry out his precepts.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Or: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.