

O GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY

THAXTED (76 76 TRIPLE)

Capo 3 (G) (C) (D7/A) (G/B) (C) (Am/C) (G)
Bb Eb F7/C Bb/D Eb Cm/Eb Bb

(C) (D7/A) (G/B) (C) (D)
Eb F7/C Bb/D Eb F

O God of grace and mer - cy, your time has ful - ly

(Em) (Bm/D) (C) (D7/A) (G/B) (G)
Gm Dm/F Eb F7/C Bb/D Bb

come when, joined by love and pro - mise our

(C) (Am/C) (G) (G/B) (D) (Em)
Eb Cm/Eb Bb Bb/D F Gm

friends are now made one; we pray that you will

(D/F#) (G/B) (D) (G) (C) (C/B) (Am)
F/A Bb/D F Bb Eb Eb/D Cm

bless them with joy - ful hope and peace and

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(Em) (Gmaj7/D) (C) (G/B) (Am7) (G) (Am/C) (Am) (Em/G)
 Gm B♭maj7/F E♭ B♭/D Cm7 B♭ Cm/E♭ Cm Gm/B♭

guide their life to - ge - ther in love that will not

(D/F♯) (C♯m/E) (Bm/D) (C) (D7/A) (G/B)
 F/A Em/G Dm/F E♭ F7/C B♭/D

cease. As they have vowed be - fore you to

(C) (D) (Em) (Bm/D) (C) (D7/A)
 E♭ F Gm Dm/F E♭ F7/C

che - rish, hon - our, care - so grant them grace to

(G/B) (G) (C) (Am/C) (G)
 B♭/D B♭ E♭ Cm/E♭ B♭

fol - low in life they ful - ly share.

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O GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY,
 your time has fully come
 when, joined by love and promise
 our friends are now made one;
 we pray that you will bless them
 with joyful hope and peace
 and guide their life together
 in love that will not cease.
 As they have vowed before you
 to cherish, honour, care—
 so grant them grace to follow
 in life they fully share.

2 This new path stands before them,
 with twists and turns unknown;
 so Lord, may you protect them,
 and lead them to your throne;
 for richer or for poorer,
 in sickness or in health,
 grant them a true contentment
 with little, or with wealth.
 May all life's many changes
 draw them to deeper love,
 and forge within their marriage
 a strength given from above.

3 For in their willing union
 a deeper meaning lies—
 Christ's love for all his people,
 the church's love for Christ;
 he laid his life down for her,
 to her gives boundless love,
 with her he shares his future—
 eternal life above.
 For the couple here united
 we ask this double grace—
 for now, the mutual sacrifice,
 and then, to see your face.

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