Hymn for the Jubilee of Mercy
Inno per l’Anno Santo della Misericordia

Text: Eugenio Costa, SJ
Tune: Paul Inwood

The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization on 5 August 2015 published on its ‘Jubilee of Mercy’ website the winning entry in an international competition for a hymn setting for the Year of Mercy. The music has been written by Paul Inwood. Paul is an Associate Member from FDLC Region 11 and an English Catholic liturgical composer well known on both sides of the Atlantic!

A substantial number of composers from around the world were invited to submit settings of a text by Eugenio Costa SJ. Monsignor Massimo Palombella, Director of the Sistine Chapel Choir, has recorded the new hymn with Vatican Radio.

Links to the score and audio recording are currently on the Pontifical Council’s Italian website at http://www.jubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/it/giubileo/inno.html and there is a YouTube video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-N0Dto5s9fg&feature=youtu.be&a.

The hymn is currently available in Italian, English and French, and the author and composer have donated all rights in it to the Pontifical Council to aid its diffusion around the world.

Paul Inwood said: “It is a great honor for me that my setting was selected for the Holy Year of Mercy. The text we were given has a Latin antiphon and Italian verses interspersed with refrains in Latin, like a kind of litany. My music is also a mixture, with elements in the style of a Taizé response and a Gelineau tone. The verses work in any language – I provided French and English translations – and I deliberately kept the music very simple so that even the smallest parishes can hopefully make use of it. There is also some more elaborate music: a brass prelude and interludes, and a choral coda which is included in the recording.”
Misericordes sicut Pater!

1. Give thanks to the Father, for he is good
in æternum misericordia eius.
He created the world with wisdom
in æternum misericordia eius.
He leads his people throughout history
in æternum misericordia eius.
He pardons and welcomes his children
in æternum misericordia eius.

[ cf. Psalm 136:6 –
[ his mercy endures for ever ]

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2. Give thanks to the Son, Light of the Nations
in æternum misericordia eius.
He loves us with a heart of flesh
in æternum misericordia eius.
As we receive from him, let us also give to him
in æternum misericordia eius.
Hearts open to those who hunger and thirst
in æternum misericordia eius.

[ cf. John 15:12 ]
[ cf. Matthew 25:31 ff. ]
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3. Let us ask the Spirit for the seven holy gifts in æternum misericordia eius.
Fount of all goodness and the sweetest relief in æternum misericordia eius.
Comforted by him, let us offer comfort in æternum misericordia eius.
Love hopes and bears all things in æternum misericordia eius.

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4. Let us ask for peace from the God of all peace in æternum misericordia eius.
The earth waits for the Good News of the Kingdom in æternum misericordia eius.
Joy and pardon in the hearts of the little ones in æternum misericordia eius.
The heavens and the earth will be renewed in æternum misericordia eius.

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