

Give prayes unto God the Lord

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalm 105*

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CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR
or Playnsong

BASSVS

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Give prai - ses un - to God the Lord, and call up - on his name:

S. A - mong the peo - ple eke de - clare his works to spread his fame.

A. A - mong the peo - ple eke de - clare his works to spread his fame.

T. A - mong the peo - ple eke de - clare his works to spread his fame.

B. A - mong the peo - ple eke de - clare his works to spread his fame.

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S. Sing ye un - to the Lord I say, and sing un - to him praise:

A. Sing ye un - to the Lord I say, and sing un - to him praise:

T. Sing ye un - to the Lord I say, and sing un - to him praise:

B. Sing ye un - to the Lord I say, and sing un - to him praise:

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S. And talk of all the wond - rous works, that he hath wrought al - ways.

A. And talk of all the wond - rous works, that he hath wrought al - ways.

T. And talk of all the wond - rous works, that he hath wrought al - ways.

B. And talk of all the wond - rous works, that he hath wrought al - ways.

3. In honour of his holy name,
rejoice with one accord:
And let the hearts also rejoice
of them that seek the Lord.

4. Seek ye the Lord and seek the strength
of his eternal might:
And seek his face continually
and presence of his sight.

Critical notes:

editorial natural added in Medius bar 4, note 10;

Medius bar 2, note 3 is G in the original;

the setting of the text has been re-arranged in Bassus: bars 1 & 3 and Cantus: end of bar 1;

this setting is similar to the one of Psalms 77, 81 & 135;

text somewhat modernised.

5. The wondrous works that he hath done
keep still in mindful heart:
Ne let the judgments of his mouth
out of your mind depart.

6. Ye that of faithful Abraham,
his servant, are the seed:
Ye his elect, the children that
of Jacob do proceed.

7. For he, he only is I say,
the mighty Lord our God:
And his most rightful judgments are
through all the earth abroad.

8. His promise and his covenant,
which he hath made to his:
He hath remembered evermore
to thousands of degrees.

The second part.

9. The covenant which he hath made
with Abraham long ago:
And faithful oath which he hath sworn
to Isaac also.
10. And did confirm the same for law,
that Jacob should obey:
And for eternal covenant
to Israel for aye.

11. When he thus said, lo I to you
all Canaan land will give:
The lot of your inheritance,
wherein your seed shall live.
12. Although their number at that time
did very small appear:
Yea, very small, and in the land
they then but strangers were.

13. While yet they walk from land to land,
without a sure abode:
And while from sundry kingdoms they
did wander all abroad.
14. And wrong at no oppressor's hand
he suffered them to take:
But even the great and mighty Kings
reproved for their sake.

15. And thus he said, touch ye not those
that mine anointed be:
Ne do the Prophets any harm
that do pertain to me.
16. He called a dearth upon the land,
of bread he 'stroyed the store,
But he against their time of need,
had sent a man before.

The third part.

17. Even Joseph which had once been sold,
to live a slave in woe:
18. Whose feet they hurt in stocks, whose soul
the iron pierc'd also.
18. Until the time came when his cause
was known apparently:
The mighty word of God the Lord
his faultless truth did try.

20. The king sent and delivered him
from prison where he was:
The ruler of the people then
did freely let him pass.
21. And over all his house he made
him Lord, to bear the sway:
And of his substance made him have
the rule and all the stay.

22. That he might to his will instruct
the Princes of the land
And wisdoms lore his ancient men
might teach to understand.
23. Then into the Egyptian land
came Israel also:
And Jacob in the land of Ham,
did live a stranger tho.

24. His people he exceedingly
in number did to flow:
And over all their enemies
in strength he made them grow.
25. Whose heart he turned that they with hate
his people did entreat:
And did his servants wrongfully
abuse, with false deceit.

The fourth part.

26. His faithful servant Moses then,
and Aaron whom he chose:
He did command to go to them,
his message to disclose.
27. The wondrous message of his signs
amongst them they did shew:
And wonders in the land of Ham
then did they work also.

28. Darkness he sent, and made it dark,
instead of brighter day:
29. And unto his commission
they did not disobey.
30. He turned their waters into blood,
he did their fishes slay:
Their land brought frogs, even in the place
where their king Pharaoh lay.

31. He spake, and at his voice there came
great swarms of noisome flies:
And all the quarters of their land
were filled with crawling lice.
32. He gave them cold and stony hail
instead of milder rain:
And fiery flames within their land
he sent unto their pain.

33. He smote the vines and all the trees
whereon their figs did grow:
And all the trees within their coasts
down did he overthrow.
34. He spake, then Caterpillars did
and Grashoppers abound:
35. Which eat the grass in all their land
and fruit of all their ground.

The fifth part.

36. The first begotten in the land
eke daily did he smite:
Yea, the beginning and first fruit
of all their strength and might.
37. With gold and silver he them brought
from Egypt land to pass:
And in the number of the Tribes
no feeble one there was.

38. Egypt was glad and joyful then,
when they did thence depart
For terror and the fear of them
was fallen upon their heart.
39. To shroud them from the parching heat
a cloud he did display:
And fire he sent to give them light,
when night had hid the day.

40. They asked and he caused Quails
to rain at their request:
And fully with the bread of heav'n
their hunger he repressed.
41. He opened then the stony rocks,
and water gushed out:
And in the dry and parched grounds
like rivers ran about.

42. For of his holy covenant
aye mindful was he tho:
Which to his servant Abraham
he plighted long ago.
43. He brought his people forth with mirth
and his elect with joy:
Out of the cruel land where they
had liv'd in great annoy.

44. And of the heathen men he gave
to them the fruitful land:
The labours of the people eke
they took into their hand.
45. That they his holy statutes might
observe for evermore:
And faithfully obey his laws,
praise ye the Lord therefore.