

Give to the Lord all praise and honor

(Psalm 118)

Melody: Genevan Psalter (1551)
 Psalm translation: The Scottish Psalter (1635)
 Two part setting: Christoph Dalitz (2009)

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1. Give to the Lord all praise and ho - nor,/ For he ____
 2. Let those that fear God them now ad - dress/ To come ____

Tenor

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 2. Let those that fear God them now ad - dress/

____ is gra - ci - ous and kind./ _____ Yea, more his mer - cy and great
 ____ and sing to him there - fore:/ _____ That his great love and ten - der

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For he is gra - ci - ous and kind./ Yea, more his
 To come and sing to him there - fore:/ That his great

fa - vor,/ Doth firm a - bide _____ world with -
 kind - ness/ Re - mai - neth still _____ for e -

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mer - cy and great fa - vor,/ Doth firm a - bide world
 love and ten - der kind - ness/ Re - mai - neth still for

- out end./ Let Is - ra - el now say thus bold - ly,/ That
 - ver - more/ For when with trou - bles I was press - ed,/ I

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his mer - cies for e - - - - ver dure./ And let Aa -
 then u - pon the LORD did call;/ Who heard my

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- rons whole pro - ge - ny./ Con - fess the same sta - ble and
 voice, and me up - rais - ed/ And set at large free from all

8 And let Aa - rons whole pro - ge - ny, Con - fess the same sta -
 Who heard my voice, and me up - rais - ed/ And set at large free

sure./ Con - fess the same sta - ble and sure.
 thrall./ And set at large free from all thrall.

8 ble and sure./ Con - fess the same sta - ble and sure.
 from all thrall./ And set at large free from all thrall.

3. The most of might, who heard my complaint,/ He is with me my part to take:
 No fear therefore shall cause me to faint/ For ought that man may 'gainst me make.
 The LORD on my side doth him retire,/ With such as do me help and aid:
 So that I shall see my just desire/ Upon my foes which me upbraid.
4. In GOD to trust it is far better,/ Than in vain man to trust and stand:
 To trust in GOD (I say) is surer/ Than Princes, Lords of sea and land.
 All nations have me round compassed/ With one consent, yet in God's Name
 By me they shall be soon destroy-ed,/ And put to flight, rebuke and shame.
5. They have me round about enclos-ed,/ Yea, and shut up with one accord:
 Yet they by me shall be destroy-ed,/ Even in the Name of GOD the LORD.
 Like bees they came about me swarming/ But were as fire of thorns put out:
 For in GOD's Name the ever-living/ I shall confound them all no doubt.
6. Thou hast (O cruel adversary)/ Thrust sore at me with main and might
 To cause my fall: but so contrary,/ For GOD hath help me in my right.
 My strength and force is God most high,/ Yea, he my song is of pleasance;
 For he hath been in all adversity/ Mine helper, and deliverance.

7. The voice of joy; and freedom shall be/ Within the just man's dwelling place;
Saying behold right valiantly/ The LORD's right hand hath brought to pass.
The hand most strong of the almighty/ Exalted is now presently
Of GOD the LORD the right hand sturdy/ Hath done (say they) triumphantly.
8. Away, away envyers each one,/ For yet death's cup I shall not prove;
But shall still live, that I may expose,/ And show abroad GOD's works above.
The LORD my GOD hath me chastised/ And that right sore, I must confess;
But of his goodness not deliver-ed/ Me unto death in that distress.
9. Open therefore to me the gates fair,/ Which are the gates of righteousness,
That though the same I may have repair/ And praise the LORD his holiness.
This is GOD's gate, famous and worthy,/ Whereat the righteous enter shall;
I will thee praise, LORD, which hast heard me/ And my deliv'rance been withal.
10. The stone which wholly was refus-ed,/ And of the builders cast away:
The same lay-ed is now, and plac-ed/ As of the corner head and stay.
Which thing is done by th'only working/ Of GOD the LORD most glorious:
And as a wonder is appearing,/ Unto our sight most marvelous.
11. This is of truth the day most happy,/ Which GOD hath made of his goodness:
Let us therein be blithe and merry,/ And sing to GOD with great gladness.
O LORD, I now beseech and pray thee,/ Save thou the King, and him maintain:
Give him good luck and prosperous to be/ O LORD, I yet require again.
12. Who in the Name of GOD most holy/ doth come, he blessed be alway:
We with also ye may be happy/ Who in GOD's house are night and day.
The LORD our GOD he is most mighty,/ And hath us given light at last:
Unto the horns of th'Altar holy/ Your sacrifice now bind full fast.
13. Thou art the GOD in whom I glory,/ To thee will I give praise thefore:
Even thou my GOD art, therefore will I/ Laud and exalt thee evermore.
Give to the LORD all praise and honor/ For gracious is he and kind:
Yes, more his mercy and great favor/ Doth ay endure world without end.

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