

# Yee righteous in the Lord reioyce

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621), Psalme 33

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590-1633)

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MEDIVS

TENOR  
or Playnsong

BASSVS

*Dukes Tune*

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2. Praise ye the Lord with Harp and song  
in Psalms and pleasant things:  
With Lute and Instruments among,  
that soundeth with ten strings.

3. Sing to the Lord a song most new,  
with courage give him praise:

4. For why, his word is ever true,  
his works and all his ways.

5. To judgement, equity, and right  
he hath a great good will:  
And with his gifts he doth delight  
the earth throughout to fill.

6. For by the word of God alone  
the heavens all were wrought:  
Their hosts and powers every one  
his breath to pass hath brought.

7. The waters great gathered hath he  
on heaps within the shore:  
And hid them in the depth to be  
as in a house of stone.

8. All men on earth both least and most  
fear God and keep his law:  
Ye that inhabite in each coast,  
dread him and stand in awe.

9. What he commanded wrought it was  
at once with present speed:  
What he doth will is brought to pass  
with full effect indeed.

10. The counsils of the nationes rude  
the Lord doth bring to nought:  
He doth defeat the multitude  
of their devise and thought.

11. But his decrees continue still,  
they never slake or swage:  
The motions of his mind and will,  
take place in every age.

## The Second part.

12. And blessed are they to whom the Lord  
as God and guide is known:  
Whom he doth choose of mere accord  
to take them as his own.

13. The Lord from heaven cast his sight  
on men mortal by birth:  
Considering from his seat of might  
the dwellers on the earth.

14. The Lord (I say) whose hand hath wrought  
mans heart and doth is frame

15. For he alone doth know the thought,  
and working of the same.

16. A King that trusteth in his host  
shall nought prevail at length:  
The man that of his might doth boast  
shall fall for all his strength.

17. The troops of horsemen eke shall fail  
their sturdy Steeds shall sterve:  
The strength of horse shall not prevail  
the rider to preserve.

18. But lo thee eyes of God intend,  
ans watch to aid the just:  
With such as fear him to offend,  
and on his goodness trust.

19. That he of death and all distress  
may set their souls from dread:  
And if that death their land oppress,  
in hunger them to feed.  
Wherefor our souls do still depend  
on God our strength and stay:  
He is the shield us to defend,  
and drive all darts away.

21. Our soul in God hath joy and game,  
rejoicing in his might:

For why? in his most holy name  
we hope and have delight.

22. Therefor let thy goodness O Lord,  
still present with us be:  
As we always with one accord,  
do only trust in thee.

## Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Psalm 87;  
text somewhat modernised.