

# It is a thing both good and meet

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalm 92*

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CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR  
or Playnsong

BASSVS

*Martyrs Tune*

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2. To shew the kindness of the Lord  
betime, ere day be light:  
And eke declare his truth abroad  
when it doth draw to night.

3. Upon ten stringed instruments,  
on Lute and harp so sweet:  
With all the mirth you can invent  
on onstruments most meet.

4. For thou hast made me to reioice  
in things so wrought by thee:  
And I have joy in heart and voice  
thy handy work to see.

5. O Lord how glorious and how great  
are all thy works so stout:  
Se deeply are thy counsels set  
that none can try them out.

6. The man unwise hath not the wit  
this gear to pass to bring:  
And all such fools are nothing fit  
to understand this thing.

7. When so the wicked at their will  
as grass do spring full fast:  
They, when they flourish in their ill,  
for ever shall be waste.

8. But thou art mighty Lord most high  
yea, thou dost reign therefore:  
In ev'ry time eternally,  
both now and evermore.

9. For why ? O Lord behold and see,  
behold my foes I say:  
How all that work iniquity  
shall perish and decay

10. But thou like as an Unicorn  
shalt lift mine horn on high:  
With fresh and new-prepared oil  
thine ointed king am I.

11. And of my foes before mine eyes  
shall see the fall and shame:  
Of all that up against me rise  
mine ears shall hear the same.

12. The just shall flourish up on high,  
as Date trees bud and blow:  
And as the Cedars multiply  
in Libanus that grow.

13. For they are planted in the place  
and dwelling of our God:  
Within his courts they spring apace  
and flourish all abroad.

14. And in their age much fruits shall bring,  
both fat and well beseen  
And pleasantly both bud and spring  
with boughs and branches green.

15. To shew that God is good and just,  
and upright in his will:  
He is my rock, my hope and trust,  
in him there is no ill.

## Critical notes:

Cantus bar 6/note 5: there is no # in the original, but it is in the similar settings of Psalms 118, 149 & 'A Thanksgiving'; this setting is similar to the one of Palms 39, 75, 99, 118, 149 & 'A Thanksgiving' from the same book; text somewhat modernised.