

O Give ye thanks unto the Lord

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalm 118*

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2. Let Israel confess and say,
his mercy dures for aye:
3. Now let the house of Aaron say
his mercy dures for aye.

4. Let all that fear the Lord our God,
ev'n now confess and say:
The mercy of the Lord our God
endureth still for aye.
5. In trouble and in heaviness
unto the Lord I cried:
Which lovingly heard me at large,
my suit was not denied.

6. The Lord himself is on my side,
I will not stand in doubt,
Nor fear what man can do to me,
when God stands me about.
7. The Lord doth take my part with them
that help to succour me:
Therefore I shall see my desire
upon mine enemy.

8. Better is it to trust in God,
then in man's mortal seed:
9. Or to put confidence in Kings,
or Princes in their need:
10. All nations have enclosed me
and compassed me round:
But in the name of God will I
mine enemies confound.

11. They kept me in on every side,
they kept me in I say:
But through the Lord's most mighty name
I shall work their decay.
12. They came about me all like Bees,
but yet in the Lord's name
I quench'd their thorns that were on fire
and will destroy the same.

The second part.

13. Thou hast with force thrust sore at me,
that I indeed might fall:
But through the Lord I found such help,
that they were vanquish'd all.
14. The Lord is my defence and strength,
my joy, my mirth and song:
He is become for me indeed,
a Saviour most strong.

15. The right hand of the Lord our God
doth bring to pass great things:
He causeth voice of joy and health
in righteous men's dwellings.
16. The right hand of the Lord doth bring
most mighty things to pass:
His hand hath the pre-eminence,
his force is as it was.

17. I will not die but ever live
to utter and declare
The Lord his might and wondrous pow'r
his works and what they are.
18. The Lord himself hath chastened,
and hath corrected me:
But hath not given me over yet
to death as ye may see.

19. Set open unto me the gates
of truth and righteousness:
That I may enter into them
the Lord's praise to confess.
20. This is the gate ev'n of the Lord,
which shall not so be shut:
But good and righteous men alway
shall enter into it.

The third part.

21. I will give thanks to thee, O Lord,
because thou hast heard me:
And art become most lovingly
a Saviour unto me.
22. The stone which ere this time among
the builders was refus'd,
Is now become the corner stone
and chiefly to be us'd.

23. This was the mighty work of God
this was the Lord's own fact:
And it is marvellous to behold
with eyes that noble act.
24. This is the joyful day indeed,
which God himself hath wrought,
Let us be glad and joy therein,
in heart, in mind, and thought.

25. Now help us Lord, and prosper us,
we wish with one accord:
26. Blessed be he that comes to us,
in the name of the Lord.
27. God is the Lord that shew'th us light
bind ye therefore with cord
Your sacrifice to the altar,
and give thanks to the Lord.

28. Thou art my God I will confess,
and render thanks to thee:
Thou art my God and I will praise
thy mercies towards me.
29. O give ye thanks unto the Lord
for gracious is he:
Because his mercy doth endure,
for ever towards me.

Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Palms 39, 75, 92, 99, 149 & 'A Thanksgiving' from the same book;
text somewhat modernised.