

O laud the Lord benigne

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 136, *Another of the same*

George KIRBYE (ca. 1555 - 1634)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR,
or Playnsong

BASSVS

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3. The Lord of Lords praise ye,
whose mercies aye do dure:
4. Great wonders only he
Doth work by his great power:
For certainly, ...

5. Which God omnipotent,
By his great wisdom he:
The heavenly firmament,
Did frame as we do see.
For certainly, ...

6. Yea, he the heavy charge,
Of all the earth did stretch:
And on the water large,
The same he did outretch:
For certainly, ...

7. Great lights hee made to us,
For why? his love is aye:
8. Such as the Sun we see,
To rule the lightsome day:
For certainly, ...

9. And eke the Moon so clear,
Which shineth in our sight:
And Stars that do appear,
To guide the darksome night:
For certainly, ...

10. With grievous plagues and sore,
All Egypt smote ht then:
The first-born less and more,
He slew of beasts and men:
For certainly, ...

11. And from amidst their land,
His Israel forth brought:
12. Which he with mighty hand
And stretched arm hath wrought:
For certainly, ...

13. The Sea be cut in two,
Which stood up like a wall:
14. And made through it to go
His chosen children all:
For certainly, ...

15. But there he whelmed then,
The proud King Pharao:
With his huge host of men,
And Charrets eke also:
For ceratinly, ...

16. Who led through wilderness,
His people safe and sound:
And for his love endless
17. Great kings he brought to ground:
For certainly, ...

18. And slew with puissant hand,
Kings mighty and of fame,
As of Amorites' land,
19. Sehon the King by name:
For certainly, ...

20. And Og the Giant large,
Of Basan King also
21. Whose land and heritage,
He gave his people to:
For certainly, ..

22. Even unto Israel,
His servant dear, I say:
He gave the same to dwell,
And there abide for aye:
For certainly, ...

23. To mind he did us call,
In our most base degree:
24. And from oppressors all,
In safety set us free:
For certainly, ...

25. All flesh on earth abroad,
With food he doth fulfill:
26. Wherefore of heaven the God,
To laud be it your will:
For certainly, ...

Critical notes:

Bassus has an F-key **third** line in the first system of the original (bar 1/note 1 tot bar 3/ note 1);

Medius bar 2/note 1 is E in the original;

Cantus bar 2/note 6 is B natural in the original;

Medius bar 3/note 1 is E in the original;

Bassus bar 4/note 2 is B in the original;

this setting is similar to the one of Psalm 148;

text somewhat modernised; the poor numbering of the verses is in the original.