

Praise ye the Lord, for he is good

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalme 136*

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CANTVS
MEDIVS
TENOR
or Playnsong
BASSVS

Praise ye the Lord, for he is good, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for e - ver.

3
S. Give praise un - to the God of Gods, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for - e - ver.
A. Give praise un - to the God of Gods, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for - e - ver.
T. Give praise un - to the God of Gods, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for - e - ver.
B. Give praise un - to the God of Gods, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for - e - ver.

5
S. Give praise un - to the Lord of Lords, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for e - ver.
A. Give praise un - to the Lord of Lords, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for e - ver,
T. Give praise un - to the Lord of Lords, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for e - ver.
B. Give praise un - to the Lord of Lords, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for e - ver.

7
S. Which on - ly doth great wond - rous works, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for e - ver.
A. Which on - ly doth great wond - rous works, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for e - ver.
T. Which on - ly doth great wond - rous works, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for e - ver.
B. Which on - ly doth great wond - rous works, for his mer - cy en - du - reth for e - ver.

5. Which by his wisdom made the heavens for his mercy endureth for ever.
6. which on the waters stretch'd the earth for his mercy endureth for ever.
7. Which made great lights to shine abroad for his mercy endureth for ever
8. As Sun to rule the lightsome day: for his mercy endureth for ever.

9. The Moon and stars to guide the night for his mercy endureth for ever.
10. Which smote Egypt with their first-born for his mercy endureth for ever.
11. And Israel brought out from thence, for his mercy endureth for ever;
12. With mighty hand and stretched arm; for his mercy endureth for ever.

13. Which cut the red sea in two parts, for his mercy endureth for ever,
14. And Israel may pass therethrough for his mercy endureth for ever;
15. And drowned Pharaoh and his host, for his mercy endureth for ever.
16. Through wilderness his people led; for his mercy endureth for ever;

17. He which did smite great mighty kings for his mercy endureth for ever.
18. And which hath slain the mighty kings for his mercy endureth for ever.
19. As Sehon, king of Amorites for his mercy endureth for ever..
20. And Og the King of Basan land, for his mercy endureth for ever.

21. And gave their land for heritage, for his mercy endureth for ever,
22. Even to his servant Israel, for his mercy endureth for ever.
23. Rememb'ring us in base estate, for his mercy endureth for ever
24. And from oppressors rescued us, for his mercy endureth for ever.

25. Which giveth food unto all flesh, for his mercy endureth for ever.
26. Praise ye the God of heav'n above, for his mercy endureth for ever.
27. Give thanks unto the Lord of Lords, for his mercy endureth for ever.

Critical notes:

Cantus bar 3/note 7 is E# in the original (merely to emphasize that the note should **not** be flattened);

Cantus bar 5/note 2 is ♭ in the original;

text somewhat modernised.