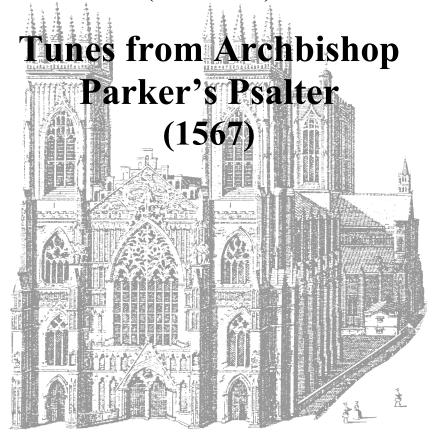
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Abbreviations

STC	The English Short Title Catalogue, Collection of Early English Printed
	Books to 1640. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, 1926 (rev. 1991)
DIAMM	The Digital Archive of Medieval Music. Oxford: University of Oxford

Sigla

CCCC	Cambridge, Corpus Christi College (Parker Library) ¹
GB-Lbl	London, British Library

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INTRODUCTION

Thomas Tallis (c.1505–1585) occupied a central place in the musical life of Tudor England, yet the chronology of his life and works remains surprisingly obscure. His long career spanned the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, and Elizabeth I, requiring continual adaptation to the shifting religious and political landscapes of sixteenth-century England. The earliest secure evidence of Tallis's professional activity dates from the early 1530s when he obtained a post as organist at Dover Priory. Following the priory's dissolution in 1535, he is thought to have served as a lay clerk at Canterbury Cathedral and by 1537 had relocated to London. There he was associated with the parish church of St Mary-at-Hill and subsequently with Waltham Abbey, where he remained until its suppression in 1540. Later that year Tallis returned to Canterbury, once more joining the cathedral's choir. In 1543 he was finally appointed to the Chapel Royal, where he remained for the rest of his life.²

Among the relatively few works by Tallis to appear in print during his lifetime is a collection of eight metrical psalm tunes and a setting of the *Veni Creator* published in *The vvhole Psalter translated into English metre* (1567) by Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury. The eight 'tunes' are arranged according to mode, following Parker's discussion of the modes in the psalter's introduction. Metrical psalters were typically intended for congregational use and contained vernacular poetic translations of the psalms, aligned with the new Protestant liturgy established in the English *Book of Common Prayer* (first published in 1549). Several of the melodies have enjoyed enduring popularity: the third tune inspired Vaughan Williams's *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*, while the eighth tune remains well known today in its adaptation as the so-called 'Tallis Canon'.³ Tallis's authorship of the tunes is confirmed both by the signification 'q[uod] Talys' at the bottom of the bass part in each tune, and by an inscription in *GB-Lbl* Add. MS 15166: 'tuned by m[r] Tallys'. By this time Tallis had become one of the leading figures in the reinvention of English liturgical composition, following the new 'one note per syllable' directives that had come to characterise post-Reformation music in the vernacular.

It is now considered doubtful whether the psalm tunes were composed specifically for Parker's psalter at his request. John Milsom has suggested that the pieces may have been repurposed, edited, and published without Tallis's permission or knowledge. He proposes that the tunes could originally have been composed for an earlier collection—such as the Sternhold and Hopkins cycle—and subsequently made into carelessly typeset *contrafacta* by the printer John Day, who is known to have issued similar arrangements. It is therefore impossible to determine whether the parts as they survive in *The vvhole Psalter* represent the tunes as Tallis originally conceived them.⁴ My suspicion is that they do not, but this uncertainty is liberating since it allows present-day ensembles to explore a range of interpretative possibilities. Performers are encouraged to use this edition imaginatively, and to substitute appropriate alternative texts if they so wish (see Performance Notes below).

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Bid.

⁴ See: J. Milsom, 'Tallis, the Parker psalter, and some unknowns', *Early Music* 44, No. 2 (2016): 207–18.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The principal aim of this edition is to serve as a stepping stone for ensembles and individuals interested in learning to read directly from original early modern performance materials. Tallis's psalm tunes are particularly well suited to this purpose: they are modest in range, relatively straightforward in compositional style, and accessible to singers of all technical abilities. Although the music has been newly typeset using modern digital tools, the edition preserves as many of the visual characteristics of the original notation as is practicable. Each tune is presented in three formats: a modern score layout for ease of rehearsal; a separated choirbook-style layout using modern clefs; and a further version using the original clefs, closely reflecting the appearance of the 1567 print. The intention is that performers might begin with the score, gradually become accustomed to the choirbook formats, and eventually gain the confidence to approach the original psalter itself. In doing so, it is hoped that musicians will not only gain practical fluency in early notational conventions but also be equipped to engage with other repertories of the period on their own terms.

CLEFS AND 'KEY' SIGNATURES

The clefs in the score and first choirbook format have been modernised (for STTB usage), while the original clefs are retained in the second choirbook format. Original 'key' signatures are preserved throughout, except in nos. 3, 7, and 9 where redundant cautionary signatures (B-sharp [natural]) have been omitted. These are inconsistent in the primary source and are intended only to cancel the B-flat from the preceding psalm.⁵

TIME SIGNATURES

The primary source contains no time signatures, mensuration signs, or proportional markings. As the stresses in the music do not align with any consistent metrical grouping, this edition has not attempted to introduce time signatures, which would either require constant changes of metre or risk misleading the performer regarding the rhythmic structure of the composition. The secondary source includes a cut *alla breve* sign before each tune, but this has no real bearing on the rhythmic groupings—which follow the poetic metre—and is therefore unsuitable for use as a modern time signature.

NOTE-VALUES AND BARRING

Original note-values are retained throughout and may span across barlines without being broken by ties; performers should therefore pay close attention to the rhythmic values of each phrase without relying on barring for guidance. Barring follows the primary source and has not been regularised, though barlines appearing before a melismatic crotchet in the original have been moved before the crotchet to avoid rhythmic confusion in the other parts. Barlines in the source typically follow the poetic metre rather than the musical metre and provide useful information about textual phrasing, but performers should note that they do not consistently coincide with the strong beats of the musical pulse (or *tactus*). No barring appears in the secondary source.

Perhaps this may suggest that the tunes were sometimes intended to be performed in continual succession as a cycle, though this cannot be established with any certainty. Milsom proposes that the B-sharp signatures were probably meant to appear in all parts, but were omitted due to a compositor oversight. It is also possible that they have some relevance to solmization or mode in a way that is no longer understood, maybe to prevent the singers from instinctely adding unwanted B-flats. In any case, the signatures in Day's print would serve only to confuse the situation if they were reproduced here.

Editorial mensuration lines have occasionally been added in the form of 'tick barlines', intended solely as visual aids to divide particularly long bars or to break a line, and always align with the tactus. Bar numbering is editorial and refers only to the original solid barlines. In no. 7, the primary source includes occasional double barlines, which have been preserved.

ACCIDENTALS

Accidentals are perhaps the thorniest editorial issue in the preparation of this edition. Milsom has raised important questions concerning the 'appendancy' of sharps and flats in the primary source—specifically, whether an accidental applies only to the note against which it is printed, to immediate repetitions, to all instances of the same note within a bar, or even across an entire line. Thomas Whythorne remarked on the ambiguity and insufficiency of Day's printing in this regard, clarifying in his own *Songs* that a sharp retained its power throughout the staff unless explicitly cancelled. By contrast, in the later *Cantiones Sacrae* of Tallis and Byrd, accidentals appear to apply only to the individual note they accompany, with no implication of continuation. Milsom's reading of the third tune (no. 3) adopts the latter interpretation and yields successful results. However, there are instances elsewhere—such as the passages in nos. 5 and 6, where accidentals must govern the entire bar—that necessitate a different approach.

For these reasons, all source accidentals are reproduced but treated as unreliable with regard to appendancy. The cancellation is left to the editor's reasoning and discretion, and performers are free to disregard this interpretation and apply their own judgement, though the rule of cancellation at the barline seems to hold reliably. Original accidentals that are redundant have been retained, except for the aforementioned 'key' signatures in nos. 3, 7, and 9. Sharps and flats originally used to cancel other accidentals are modernised and replaced by naturals. Editorial cautionary accidentals are shown in square brackets. In the primary source, accidentals intended for notes printed in a space are frequently placed on the nearest line, likely due to typographical limitations; this has been adjusted tacitly in the edition. Accidentals added on the basis of *musica ficta* considerations are placed above the staff. The application of *ficta* in this edition is conservative, limited to suggestions that avoid undesirable melodic or harmonic intervals, or support expected harmonic progressions and voice leading at cadences. Performers may wish to apply additional *ficta*—particularly sharps—for expressive purposes, and there is ample opportunity in the music to do so.

OTHER NOTATIONAL FEATURES

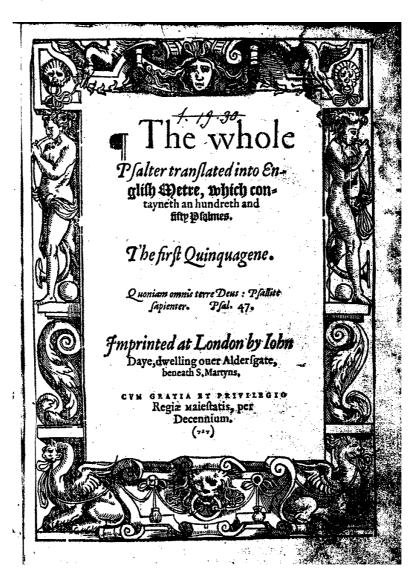
Slurring appears only in the secondary source, where angled brackets are used to indicate the words that incorporate a melisma. These markings have been rendered as modern slurs in the present edition. Editorial added slurs continue in the same style and are shown with dotted lines. Where a note is repeated, and there is an original slur to the same note, the slur has been broken with a line to avoid confusion with a tie. Final notes have been regularised as *longae* and assigned *fermate*, following the secondary source.

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David Skinner notes: "This leads to some confusion when a B natural is expressed within a C clef (e.g., in Tune 3 the Contratenor and Tenor, respectively, have sharps to A and C)". See: D. Skinner (ed.), *The Tallis Psalter: Psalms and Anthems / Canticles, Preces and Responses* (London: Novello, 2013).

TEXTS

Orthography follows the primary source and is reproduced in the original blackletter Fraktur typeface. The historic long-s $\langle 1 \rangle$ is retained, while the r-rotunda $\langle 2 \rangle$ is regularised as modern $\langle r \rangle$. Consonantal uses of (i) and (u)—as in (deuout) 'devout' or (maiesty) 'majesty'—are retained, as is the vocalic use of (v), e.g. (vse) 'use'. Original spellings and word-forms are retained throughout, except in the case of abbreviations, which are expanded in square brackets. All other editorial additions are likewise enclosed in square brackets. Capitalization and punctuation follow the source exactly, and no attempt has been made to standardise these between parts. Inconsistencies in spacing before punctuation-e.g., (sad: in) rather than (sad: in)-have been regularised, as these carry no interpretive significance. The additional verses accompanying Parker's translation of each psalm earlier in the psalter are not included beneath the music in either the primary or secondary sources. However, choirs may wish to sing these subsequent verses; they are therefore provided in full at the end of each piece in the score format, with any textual discrepancies in the first verse marked by an asterisk. Any unfamiliar words, or those whose sense has shifted over time, are glossed at the foot of the relevant page. The texts have traditionally been understood not as exalted poetry but as verse reflecting the style popularised by medieval vernacular chivalric romance.



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PERFORMANCE NOTES

VOICES AND INSTRUMENTS

The prefatory notes to the tunes (it is not known whether these are written by Tallis, Parker, or Day) appear on sig.2V4^r of the primary source and are included here as an appendix (see p.57). They read: 'The Tenor of these [four] partes be for the people when they will fyng alone, the other parts, put for greater queers [choirs], or to fuche as will fyng or play them privately'. This suggests that the tunes were intended for two distinct performance contexts. First, the melodies in the tenor part were designed for congregational use in parish churches, likely sung in unison and perhaps initially 'lined out' by a precentor or clerk.⁷ Second, the full four-part settings were intended either for more proficient choral ensembles or for private devotional worship—whether sung, played instrumentally, or performed in some combination of both.

In his poetic verse earlier in the psalter (sigs.B3^r–A2^v), Parker appears to envision performance as a solo song accompanied by a plucked string instrument such as a lute, drawing inspiration from the biblical image of King David with his harp. This recalls the vision of Thomas Sternhold, who likewise imagined his psalms sung to lute accompaniment. Milsom observes that the indications in Psalms 107 and 136—assigning verses to 'The Rectors', 'The Quiere', and 'The Meane'—suggest a form of liturgical performance involving alternating groups of singers. However, he also notes that neither of these two Psalms can be sung to Tallis's music.⁸

TEMPO, EXPRESSION AND METRE

As previously noted, the secondary source places an *alla breve* signature before each tune, implying a reasonably brisk tempo with the tactus on the semibreve. More unusually, the prefatory notes include a poem that describes the affective character of each of the first eight tunes. It is exceptionally rare to find performance guidance this specific concerning the tempo, mood, and expressive intention of each item in a collection. Performers are encouraged to read the full poems for inspiration; however, the essential indications may be summarised as follows:

- 1. Indifferent devout
- 2. Sad majestic
- 3. Sad raging, rough
- 4. Joyful fawning, flattering [obsequious], playful
- 5. Joyful delightful, laughing
- 6. Sad wailing, weeping
- 7. Sad [firm] stout [bold], racing forward
- 8. Indifferent mild, modest pace
- 9. [No indication provided]

The characters for 'sad', 'joyful', and 'indifferent' are denoted by three symbols $\langle \cdot / \sim \rangle$ used by Parker to mark the character of every psalm in the psalter in a large table (sigs.2Z'-2Z') which is explained by a passage on sigs.2V2'-2V3' (included here as an appendix on p.56). Any

This call-and-response format—where the tunes are intoned by a leader and echoed by the congregation—is still practised in parts of the Scottish Highlands. In communities with low literacy rates, such a method allowed the melodies to be taught by ear, and the tunes likely served as memory aids, helping the congregation to retain the texts of the psalms. See: N. Temperley, 'The Old Way of Singing: Its Origins and Development', *Journal of the American Musicological Society* 34, No. 3 (1981): 511–44.

⁸ Milsom, 'Tallis, the Parker psalter, and some unknowns': 214-5.

text in the book can therefore theoretically be sung to one of the chosen tunes, provided that the symbol matches and the melody is therefore appropriate in character. However, as previously noted, as many as twenty-five of the texts in Parker's psalter cannot be fitted to any of Tallis's tunes due to a misalignment of metre. The short original prefatory poem (or 'argument') to each psalm has been included, but the succeeding collects have been omitted.

PERFORMING PITCH

There was no standardised performing pitch in England in the sixteenth century, and it is not clear that an objective pitch was required when voices sang without accompaniment; in such cases, the psalms should simply be sung at a pitch that places the compass of the parts within a comfortable range for the singers. For domestic performance with instruments, or in a choral institution such as a cathedral, performers may prefer to defer to the most reliable pitch reference for English music of this period: the sounding frequency of the Wetheringsett organ reconstructed by Martin Goetze and Dominic Gwynn. Now commonly referred to as *quire pitch*, this is set at approximately a' = 475 Hz—just shy of a semitone and a half above the modern standard of a' = 440 Hz.

PRONUNCIATION

The descriptions of English pronunciation most likely to reflect that used in the social spheres in which Parker and Tallis (who were almost exact contemporaries) operated during the mid-sixteenth century are found in the three works of the Chester Herald, John Hart¹⁰—whose usage probably represents the pronunciation of the court at Westminster (and perhaps also that of Queens' College, Cambridge, where he probably spent a good deal of time)—and the four works of spelling reformer William Bullokar,¹¹ whose prescribed standard largely reflects the pronunciation taught in London grammar schools. It would be preferable to address the history of every word in the text separately, but since this is not possible here, a brief overview of the sound system has been provided below.

These sources describe a system comprising five long and five short vowels. The short vowels—/I ε a \circ \circ /, as in *kit*, *dress*, *trap*, *lot*, and *strut* respectively—can, for the most part, be pronounced as in present-day Standard Southern British English, except for $/\circ$ /, which is notably back and strongly rounded (similar to Northern English pronunciations of *put* or *cut*, which still share the same vowel for Hart and Bullokar). The long vowels are as follows:

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/i:/ in fleece, flee, be – pronounced as in German Liebe
/ɛ:/ in cleat, great – pronounced as in French maître, or possibly already as in German gehen
/a:/ in face, name – pronounced as in German aber
/ɔ:/ in goat, rose – pronounced as in French sort, or possibly already as in German oder
/u:/ in goose, food – pronounced as in German super
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A key implication of this five-vowel system is that speakers in Tallis's courtly social milieu would have clearly distinguished between the vowels of meet/i:/ and $meat/\epsilon:/$. Performers should therefore take care not to conflate these sets of words. In most cases, spelling provides a reliable guide to this distinction (ee versus ea).

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See: A. Johnstone, "As it Was in the Beginning": Organ and Choir Pitch in Early Anglican Church Music, Early Music 31, No. 4 (2003): 506–525.

¹⁰ The Opening of the Unreasonable Writing (1551), An Orthographie (1569), and A Methode (1570).

¹¹ Bullokars booke at large (1580), A short introduction (1581), Æsops Fablz in tru Ortography (1585), and William Bullokarż pamphlet for grammar (1586)

In addition to these long vowels, there are several diphthongs formed by the short vowels followed by a glide (either a -y/j/ sound or a -w/w/ sound). While the traditional spelling often indicates the presence of a historic diphthong, there is occasional ambiguity as to which sound is intended. For the present edition, the following diphthongs are sufficient to account for the Parker's texts:

/aj/ in chair, day, against, they
/ɔj/ in voice, choice
/ʊj/ or /wəj/ in join, joys
/əj/ in spite, why, ire
/ɪw/ in muse, inure, fury
/aw/ in law, walk, gra(u)nt
/əw/ in though, soul
/ew/ in doubt, down, how, pronounce

Hart appears to have merged his /aj/ diphthong into the long / ϵ :/ vowel, such that *pail* and *peal* were effectively homophones, and in a similar vein, he sometimes merged the diphthong / ∞ / into / ∞ :/ at the end of words, so that *tow* and *toe* became homophones. Choirs may choose to pronounce the texts of these psalms in this way, though it is worth noting that the spellings of these word-sets remain consistently distinct in the orthography employed by Parker.

Tallis's English was undoubtedly still rhotic, meaning that /r/ was pronounced in all positions within a word—including in *scorn, cord, sore,* etc. The /r/ was likely a tap or trill before vowels but may already have taken a weaker form—such as the modern 'American r'—before consonants and at pauses. In the dialects described by Hart and Bullokar, *false* and *psalm* share the same vowel as *walk*, and the /l/ was still pronounced in all three words. Initial *w*- and *wh*- were kept apart, with the latter pronounced /m/ (see the distinction between *witch* and *which* that persists in Scottish English). Additionally, both components of the (ng) sequence [ng] were articulated in words such as *strong* and *musing*, as remains the case in some present-day British dialects (e.g. Liverpool English). In fact, both elements of many consonant clusters that have since been simplified—such as /kn/ in *knee*, /sw/ in *sword*, and /wr/ in *wrong*—were still articulated in full.

Some of the spelling choices in Parker's texts provide useful clues about pronunciation. In the rhyme sight: spite at the beginning of the third tune, $\langle gh \rangle$ is written in both words— $\langle fight: fpyght \rangle$ —to emphasise the matching sounds of the couplet. In Middle English orthography, the $\langle gh \rangle$ combination usually denotes a fricative /x/ (as in German ach), but when the etymology is considered, this spelling is only justified for sight (from Old English siht), not for spite (from Old French despit). Since the author writes $\langle gh \rangle$ indiscriminately, regardless of etymology, we can infer that the fricative /x/ had already disappeared in his dialect. This suspicion seems to be confirmed by the absence of $\langle gh \rangle$ in high, spelled $\langle hie \rangle$ later in the same text. Thus, the pairing sight: spite was probably a perfect rhyme for Parker, even though it would not have been for Hart and Bullokar. The spelling $\langle geue \rangle$ for give in the sixth tune suggests a pronunciation with a long vowel akin to that in fleece, i.e. /gi:v/, which is supported by the etymology (from Middle Dutch geven).

[See Overleaf for Full Score Format]

[No. 1]

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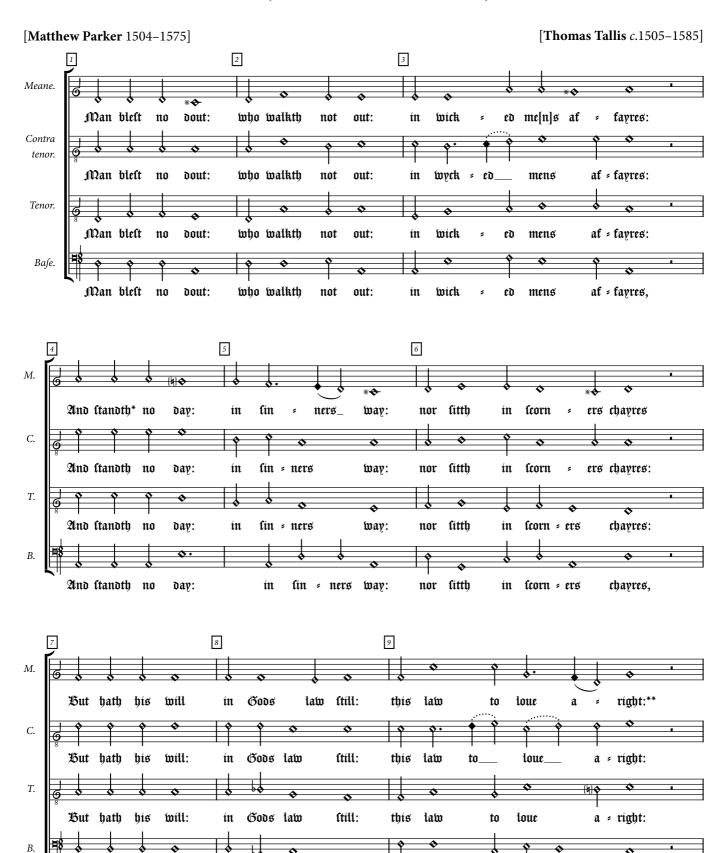
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Gods law

Pfalme I. The firste Tune.

~ The first is méek: deuout to sée,



^{*} The text in the main body of Parker's psalter has *ftondth* for *ftandth*.

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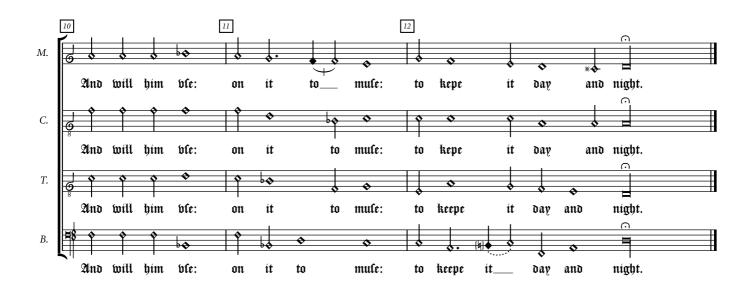
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^{**} The text in the main body uses a different phrase: But holdth euen still: God's lawe in will, with all his hartes delight.

Psalme I. The firste Tune.



The Argument.

This Pfalme in sence Shewth difference of men both good and bad: It shewth their fruites Their hartes pursuites their endes both glad & sad

Beatus vir. 3 Pe like shall bée: the planted trée,
nie set the rivers course:
Triades. Which fruth in tyde: whose leaves abide,
all prosperth what he doese.

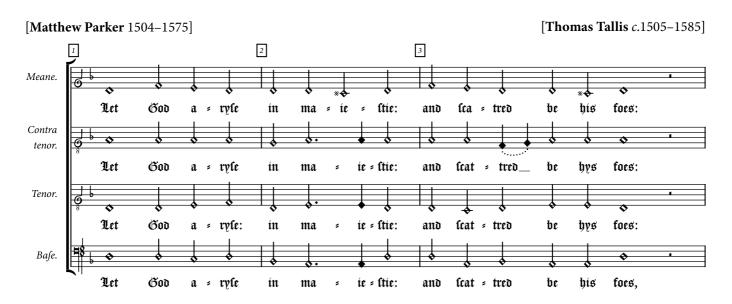
1 Pot so, not so: the wicked do, lyke dust or chaffe they bee:
Appropriate by winde: as light by kynde, from face of earth to see.

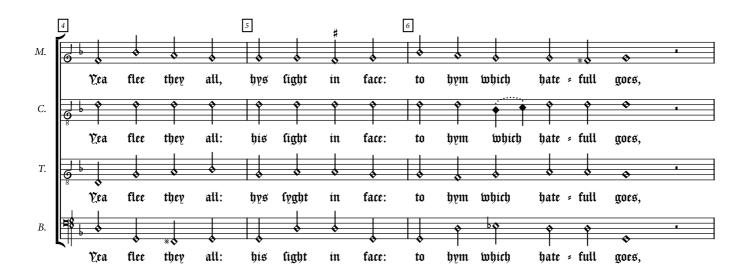
The Lord doth know: and will auow, mens wayes that are of God:
Where thall decaie: the beaten waie, of wicked men to brode.

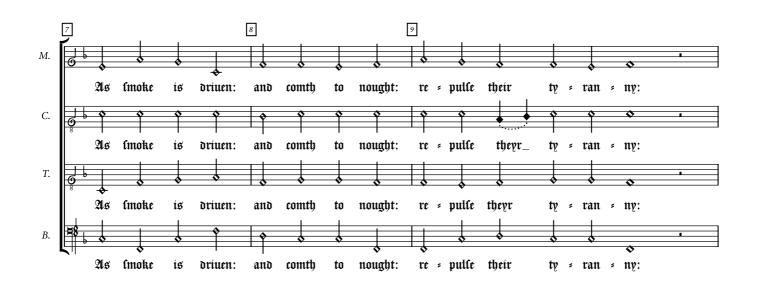
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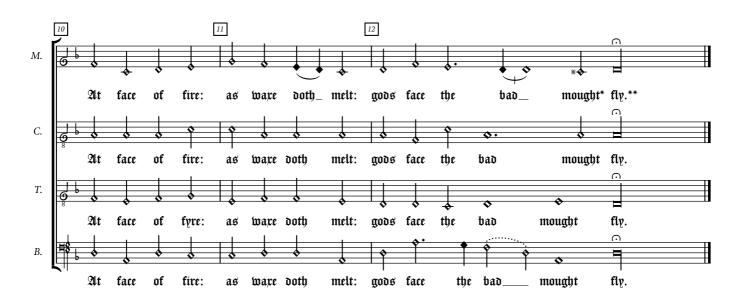
Pfame 68. The fecond Tune.

\ The lecond lad: in maielty,









[See Appendix 4 (p.59) for verses 11-35]

The Argument.

The Hebrues fang this Pfalm in warre, against their foes to fight: So Christen men: at Christ his foes: may pray the same in sprite.

- Exurgat 3 But let the iust: be glad in thys: and ioy in God hys fight

 Deus. for Gods great power: & stable truth: in myrth let them delite
 - D sing to God: sound out hys name: sée hym ye magnify: He rydeth on heauens: hys name is God: in him reioyce ye hie
 - 5 Pe father is: to fatherles: of widowes indge he is: Euen God hymselfe: which euer dwelth: in holy place of hys.
 - Thus God he makth the defolate: in houtholdes great to grow: Le loseth the thrall: quyte out of bandes: and bringth the wycked low.
 - 7 O God when thou: wentst forth as guide: before the people out When thou dydst walke in wyldernes: which thyng thou dydst no doubt.
 - 8 The erth then shooke: at face of god: the heuens did drop & swel Mount Synay: Gods face dyd feare: Gods face of Israell.
 - 9 Thou pourost O God: thy fruitful shoures: on thine enherita[n]ce When faynt they were: wyth ease agayne: theyr strength th[ou] didst (aduaunce.
 - Thy church and flocke: to dwel therin: thou thalt it thus refresh: So thou prepards: for all thy poore: O God in gentlenes.

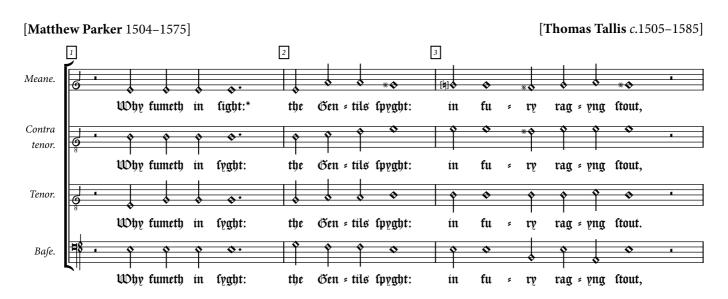
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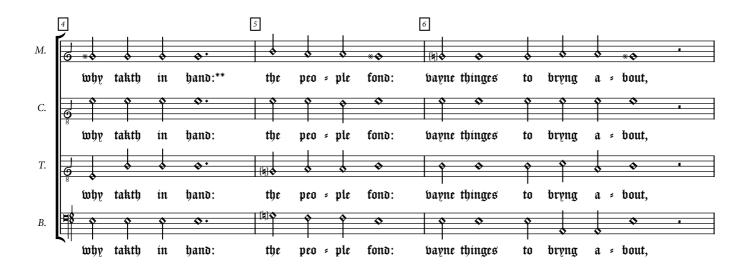
^{*} *Mought* is often replaced with modern *might* or *must*. ** This reads ⟨flie⟩ in the secondary source, but the main body of the psalter has *flee*, which some editors prefer. Note that in the sixteenth century both *flee* and *fly* could rhyme with *tyranny*.

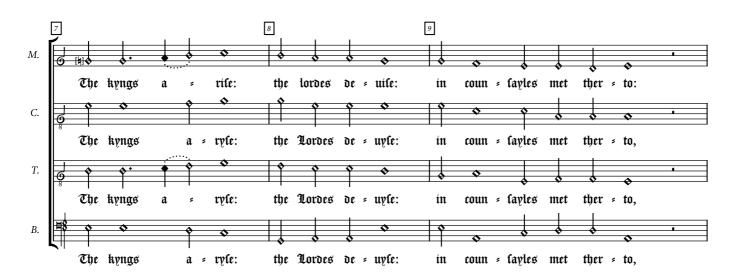
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Pfalme 2. The third Tune.

\ The third doth rage: and roughly brayth.

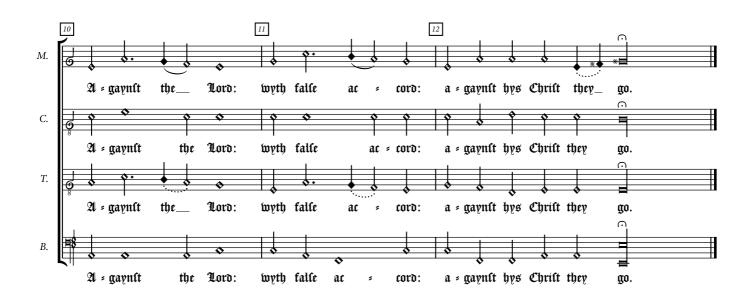






^{*} *fight* is often misread as *fight*, but there is no evidence for this reading in the psalter.

^{**} The text in the main body has *hond* for *hand* (some may prefer this for the rhyme with *fond*).



The Argument.

Of Christ ye fee A Prophecie Thus Dauid spake with vs: As marueiling That earthly king Should rage against him thus

Quare fremuerunt.

- 3 Let be they say: breake downe their ray, of all their bonds and cordes:
 We will renounce: that they pronounce, their loores as stately lordes.
- 4 But God of might: in heaven so bright,
 Shall laugh them all to scorne:
 The Lord on hie: shall them defie,
 they shall be once forlorne.
- 5 Then thall his ire: speake all in fire, to them agayne therfore: Le thall with threate: their malice beate, in his displeasure sore.
- 6 Yet am I fet: a king so great,
 on Sion hill full fast:
 Though me they kill: yet will that hill,
 my lawe and worde outcast.

- 7 Gods wordes decréed: I (Christ) wil sprede, for God thus sayd to mée:
 My sonne I say: thou art, this day,
 I have begotten thée.
- 8 Aske thou of mée: I will give thée, to rule all Gentills londes:
 Thou that possesse: in suernesse, the world how wide it stondes.
- 9 With iron rod: as mighty God, all revels thalt thou bruse: And break them all: in pieces small, as thardes the potters vse.
- Be wife therfore: ye kinges the more, Recyue ye wisdomes lore: Le iudges strong: of right and wrong, aduste you now before.
- 11 The Lore in feare: your feruice beare, with dread to him resource:

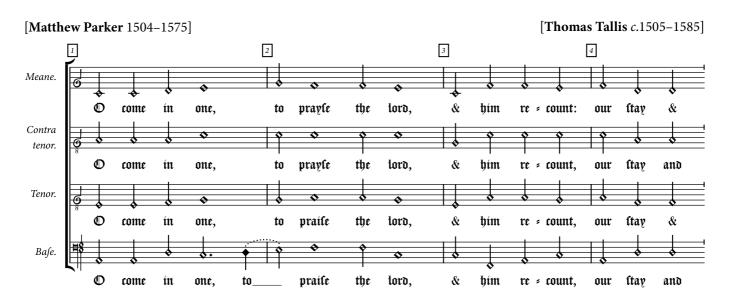
 Let rages be: resist not ye,
 him serue with soyfull boyce.
- 12 The fonne kille ye: lest wroth he be, lose not the way of rest:

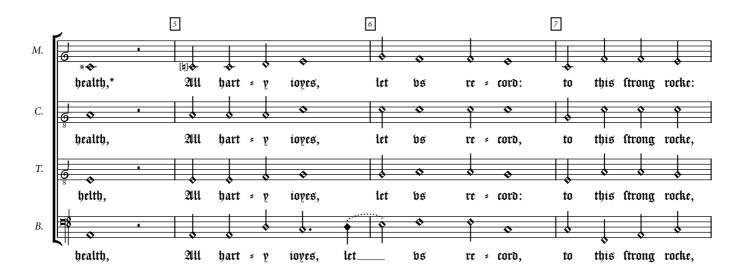
 for when his ire: is set on fire, who trust in hym be blest.

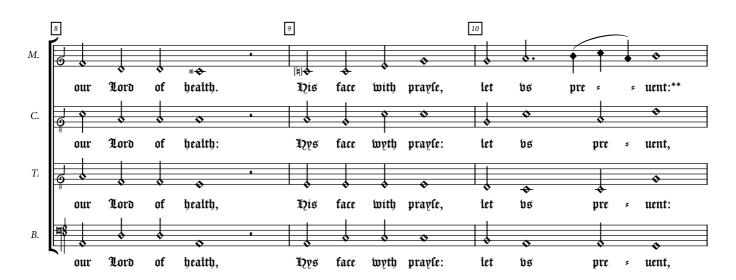
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Pfalm. 95. The fourth Tune.

/ The fourth doth fawne: and flattry playth,



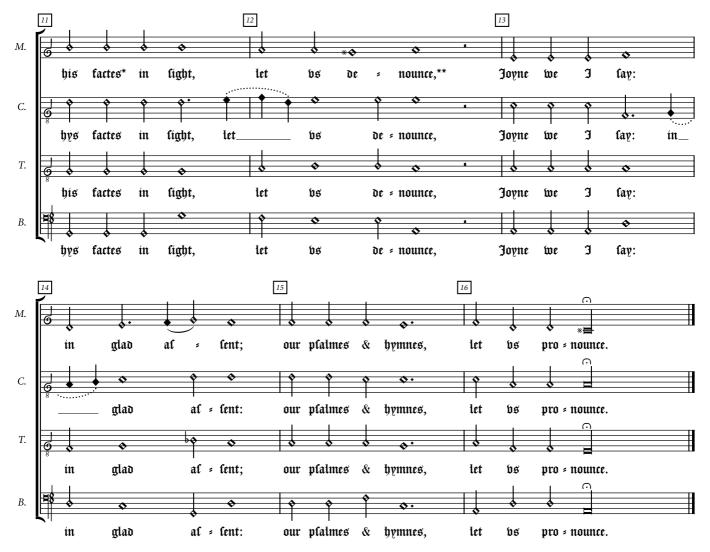




^{*} The main body of the text has *wealth* for the first instance of *health*, which perhaps makes for a stronger rhyme.

** preuent has the sense of Latin praeventus 'to anticipate, to forsee'.

Psalm. 95. The fourth Tune.



[See Appendix 5 (p.61) for verses 9-11]

The Argument.

This cherefull Pfalme inuiteth our voyce: Due laudes to God: in hymnes to founde: With lowly hartes: that we reioyce: His worde to heare: as we be bound.

Venite.

- 3 for why this Lord: is God of might, for helpe at néede: whom we may call. A puissant kyng: in hys br[i]ght light, Le passth all Gods: by rulyng all.
- 4 All coaftes of earth: by hym do ligh: Lis celles and groundes: though they be depe: As fast by him: stand mountaines hye, And stoupe to hym: though they be steepe.

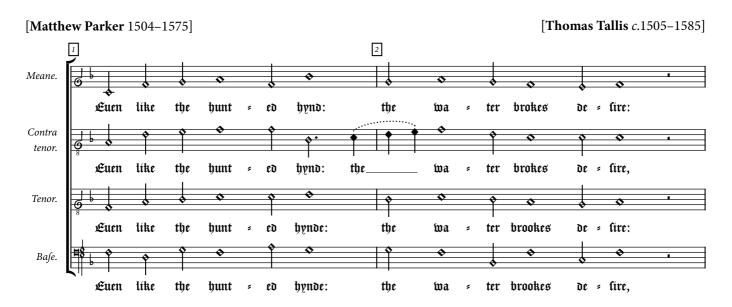
- 5 The sea is hys: his worke of handes, Her ryse and fall: with all her rode, The land from her: by power standes, Whom God so stayed: for hys abode.
- O then come we: let vs adore, And prostrate ligh: on both our knées: He made vs all: both riche and poore: Both kyng and slaue: in theyr degrées.
- for God he is: our Lord and stay: Lys people we: in pasture neare: Lis slocke of hand: who leadth our way: Lis voyce to day: if well ye heare.
- 8 Beware I say: ye hard no hartes, Agaynst hys grace: to you to ment, As defert law: once strife orewhart, Lyke tempting day: of mad entent.

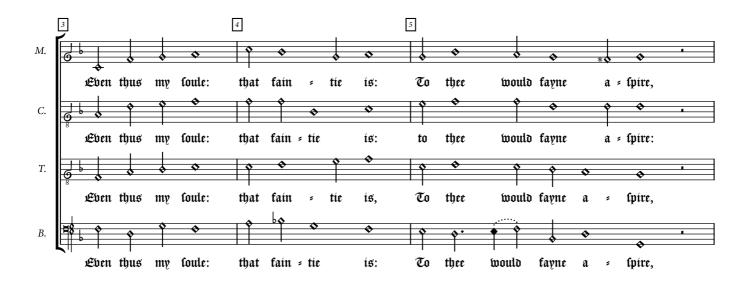
^{*} Fact is ultimately from Latin factum 'act, deed, work'. ** denounce is from Old French denuncier 'to announce, to declare'.

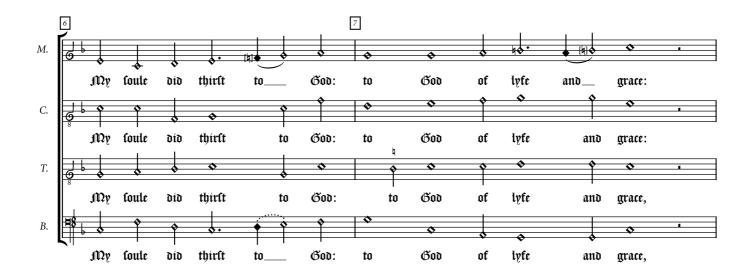
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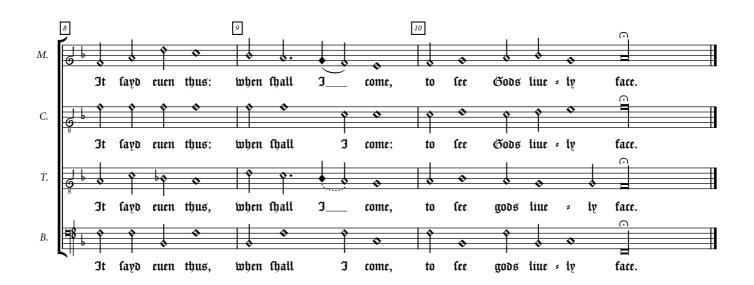
Pfalme 42. The fift Tune.

/ The fyfth deligth: and laugheth the more,









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The Argument.

As Christ for hym and hys, In trust did pray: in stresse: So man euen like: as did his head, May iust the same: expresse.

Quemadmodum ceruus.

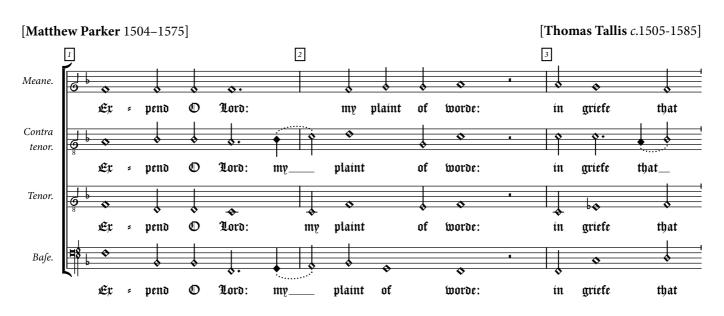
- 3 My teares in stede: of meate, Both day and nyght they were: Whyle that all day: rebukers sayd, Where is thy God: so far.
- 4 When this came soone to hart, I yet recomfort felt:
 And trust to lead: the people forth, to go where thou hast dwelt.
- 5 To foy in voyce of myrth,
 Whyth laudes & thankes alway:
 Among thy folke: when that they kepe,
 So hye theyr holy day.
- [5b] Why castes thy selse: than downe, My soule: I sayd no lesse:
 Why layest in me: so painfully,
 In wo: and carefulnes:
- [5c] Put thou thy trust: in God, Let thyng: not thee amase: I wyll hym thanke: for all his helpe, In sight of hys good grace.

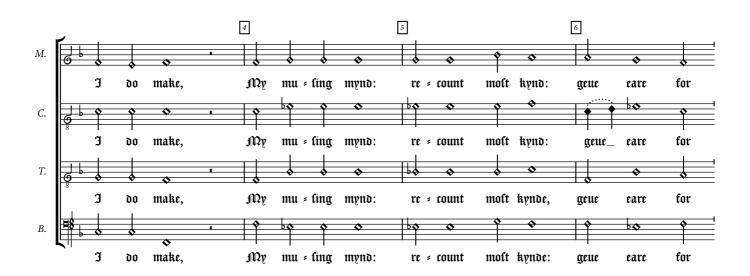
- My God my foule: is vert,
 Wyth inward paynes so thrill:
 I mynde thy workes: in Jordan yet,
 so done next Hermon hill.
- 7 As deepe to deepe reboundth, at noyce: of thy great thowers Thy streames by course: so overslowes, My soule the payne devoures.
- 8 But God yet will: the day,
 To thyne me grace to tée:
 Wy night of wo: thall prayle hym than,
 Uho kept yet lyfe: in mée.
- Thou art my strength: O God I might than playne in wo: Why hast me thus: forgot to quyte, So sad to go: for so.
- To heare my foes: in spyte:
 They daily thus: at me bybreyde,
 Where is thy God of myght:
- 11 Why art thou then: my foule: So vert and prostrate so:
 Why makest in me: so much a do,
 Where God is frende: in wo.
- 12 O put thy hope in God,
 I trust in tyme and place:
 He is my God: whom I wyll thanke,
 My face shall sée: hys grace.

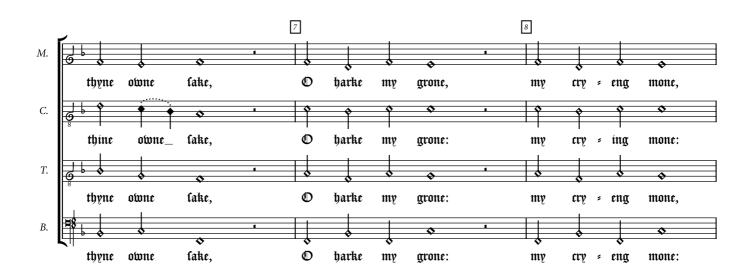
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Pfalme 5. The fixt Tune.

\ The firt bewayleth: it weepeth full fore,







Pfalme 5. The fixt Tune.



The Argument.

[See Appendix 6 (p.61) for verses 10-12]

This church in sprite, Maketh sute aright, for all opprest in payne

Here Christ aduanceth His heritaunce the Iewes he blamth agayne.

Verba 3 My voyce and vowe: thou wilt alowe, mea.

betymes O Lord fo frée:

In spring of day: I thée will pray, and shall looks vp to thée.

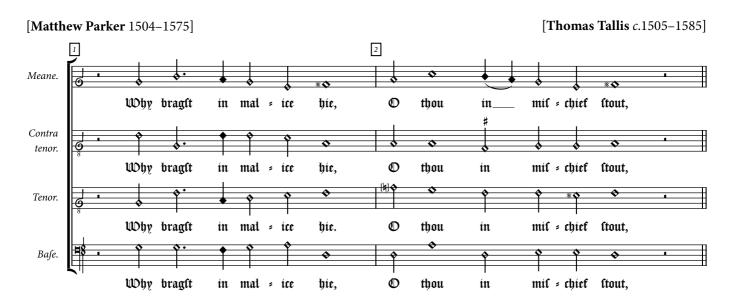
- 4 This I may bow: the God art thou, which hatest all wickednes: No malice fell, with thee can dwell, thou louest no cruelnes.
- 5 Such foolish spite: can hide no sight, of thy good louely face:
 Thou doost defie: their banitie, who wickednes embrace.

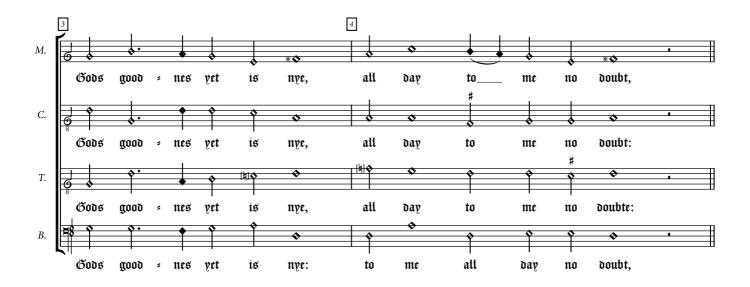
- Thou thalt destroy: and them annoy, with lies who thame thy worde: Bloudthirsty men: which crafty renne, the Lord hath them abhorde.
- [7] Just will I go: thy house into, in trust of thy great grace: In seare I will: do honour still, against that holy place.
- [8] D Lord be guide: defend my tide,
 in thy great righteousnesse:
 Make playne the way: lesse I do stray,
 my foes thall brag the lesse.
- [9] Their mouthes expresse: no faithfulnesse, theyr holow hartes be vayne:
 Wide throte they have: as open grave, theyr tonge but lyes do fayne.

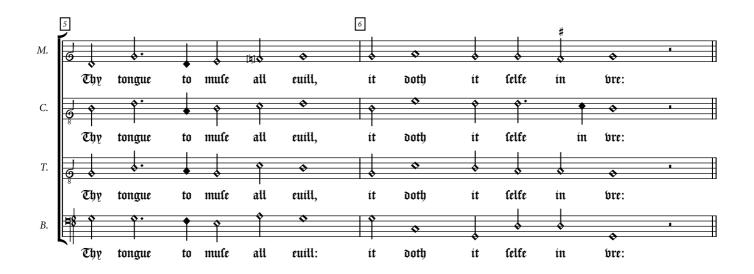
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Pfalme. 52. The feuenth Tune.

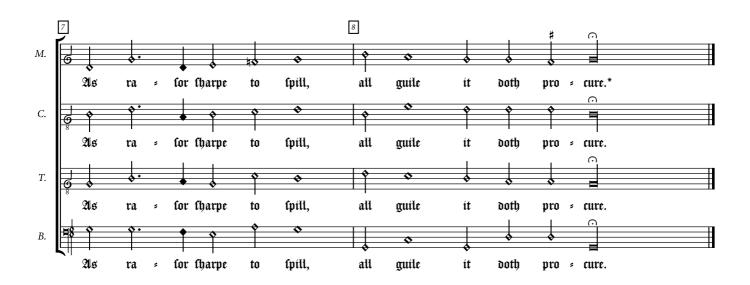
\ The leuenth tredeth stoute: in froward race,







Pfalme. 52. The feuenth Tune.



The Argument.

Thus clawbackes heare theyr shame Whom God shall once consume: They Princes hartes enslame, Wyth causeles ire to sume.

Quid gloriaris.

- Thou malice louedst to wrye,
 Aboue all goodnes walke:
 And more thou louest to lye,
 Sela. Then righteousnes to talke.
 - Yea loued thou hast no lesse,
 To speake one worde for all:
 All wordes of noughtines,
 Thou tong in fraude most thrall.
 - 5 But God once thee thall walt,
 Shall stroy and and scrape by hand:
 Thy tent from thee at last,
 To roote thee out of land.

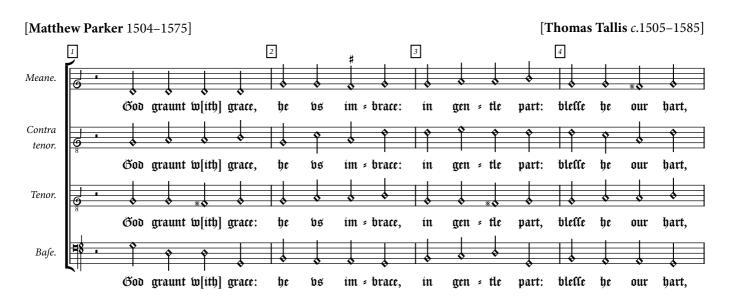
- ⇒ Sela.
 - 6 And ryghteous men thall tée, And feare therby thall take: But yet at hym full trée, Good laughter thall they make.
 - 7 D lo the man himselfe, That made not God hys ayde: That trustd in ryches wealth whose myght in mischiefe layde.
 - 8 But I as Olyue greene,
 In Gods sweete house thall lay,
 My trust hath euer bene,
 In Gods good grace for ay.
 - 9 I thée thall laude even still, for thys thou dydst say I: Thy name to wayte I wyll, for good thy sayntes it spy.

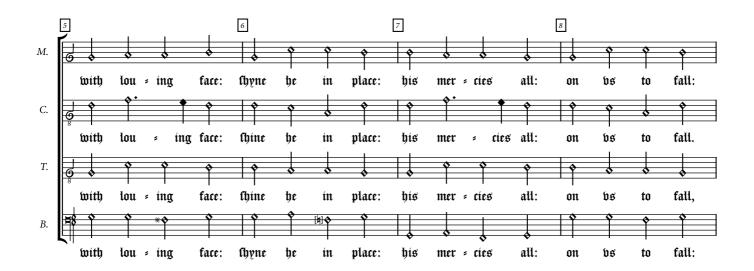
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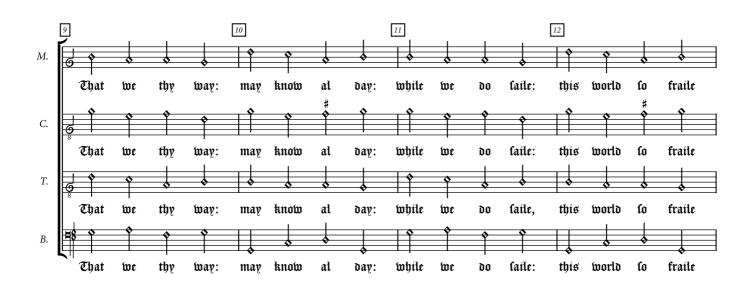
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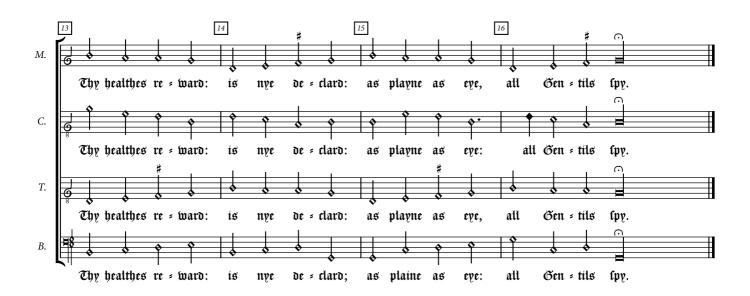
~ The eyghte goeth milde: in modelt pace.







Pfalme. 67. The eight Tune.



The Argument.

Thys fong in all: propheticall,

Doth cleare expresse: Christes raigne in flesh

Whose beames so bright: dyd shyne in sight.

That all to come: must prayse his dome.

Must prayse his dome.

Deus mi fereatur.

3 Let thée alwayes: the people prayse,

O God of blisse: as due it is:

The people whole: mought thée extoll,

from whome all thyng: they sée to spryng.

they sée to spryng.

4 All folke reioyce: lyft bp your boyce, for thou in fight: thalt iudge them ryght: Thou thalt direct: the Gentiles fect: In earth that bee: to turne to thee.

to turne to thée.

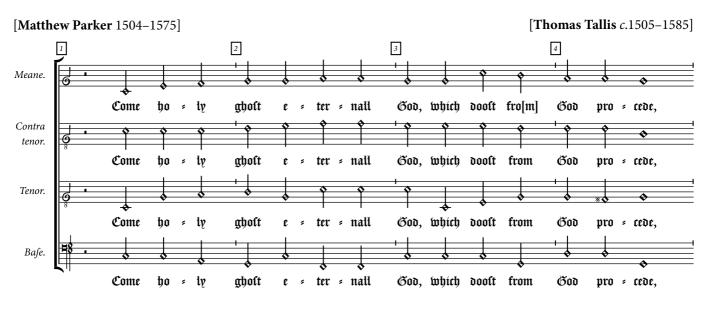
5 The earth thall bud: hys fruites to good,
Then thankes most due: from it shall sue:
And God even he: our God most free.
Shall blesse bs aye: from day to day.
from day to day.

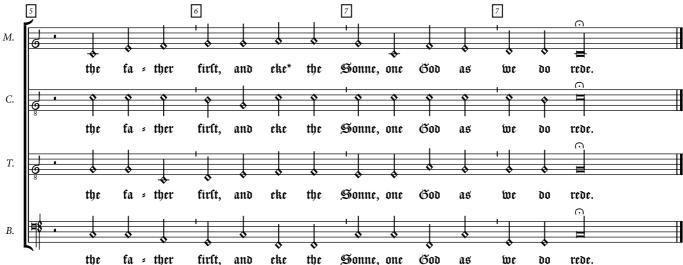
So God our guide: thall blesse bs wyde,
Wyth all increase: no tyme to cease:
All folke therby: on earth which ligh,
Yys name thall feare, and loue hym beare.
and loue hym beare.

[No. 9]

[Veni Creator. The ninth Tune.]

Tallis's 'Ordinal'





[See Appendix 7 (p.62) for verses 7-15]

- [1] O visite thou: our minds and harts Thy heavenly grace inspire: That we in truth: and godlinsse, May set our whole desire.
- [2] Thou art O sprite: the comforter, In woe and hard distresse: The heavenly gift: of God so highe, Which tongue cannot expresse.
- [3] Thou fountagne art: and lively spring, Of ioy celestiall:

 The fyre so bright, the love so cleare, and buction spirituall.

- [4] for thou in gifts: art manifold, Whereby Christs church doth stand: And wrights thy loue: in faythfull hartes, The power of God hys hand.
- [5] And like as thou: halt promise made,
 Thou genest the speach of grace:
 That through thy helpe: the prayse of God,
 May sound in enery place.
- [6] O holy Ghost: to move our wits, Sende downe thyne heavenly light: Inflame our harts: our God to serve, With love both day and night.

^{*} eke = 'also, in addition'. Compare Dutch ook & German auch 'also, too', or Norwegian/Danish og & Swedish och 'and'.

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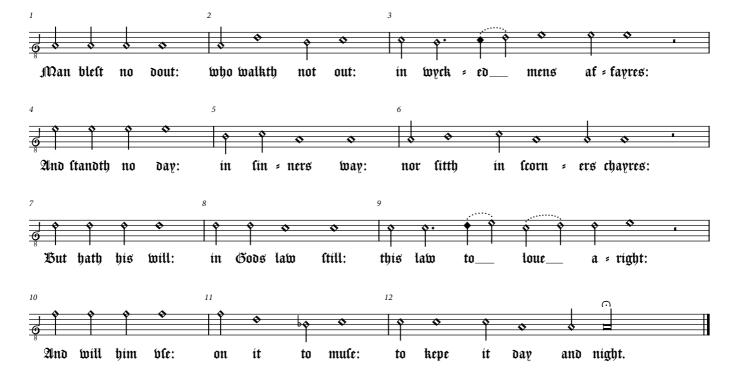
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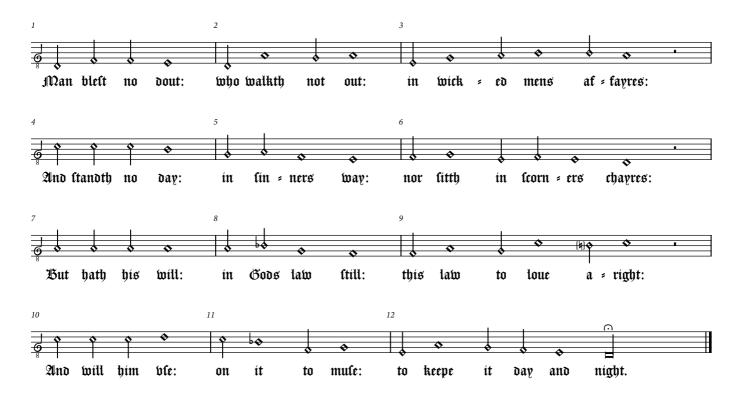
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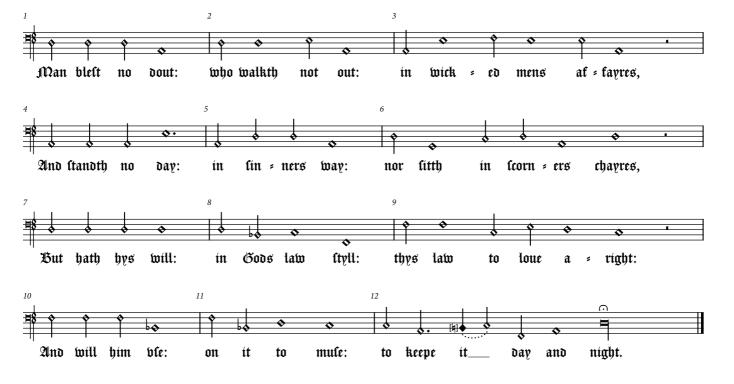
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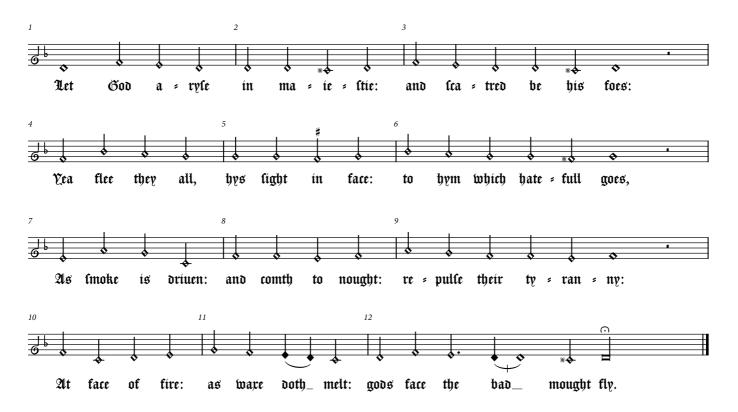
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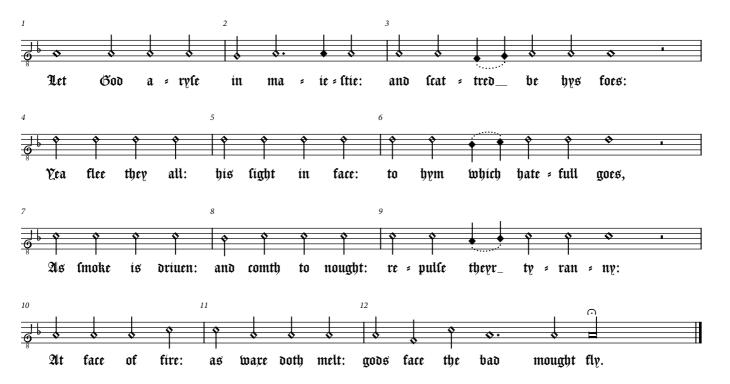
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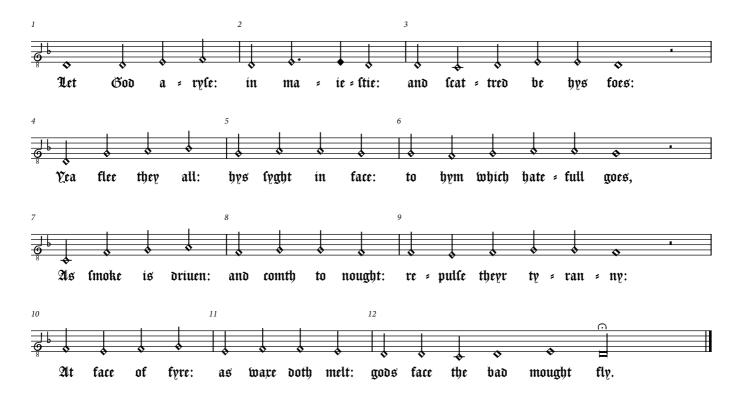
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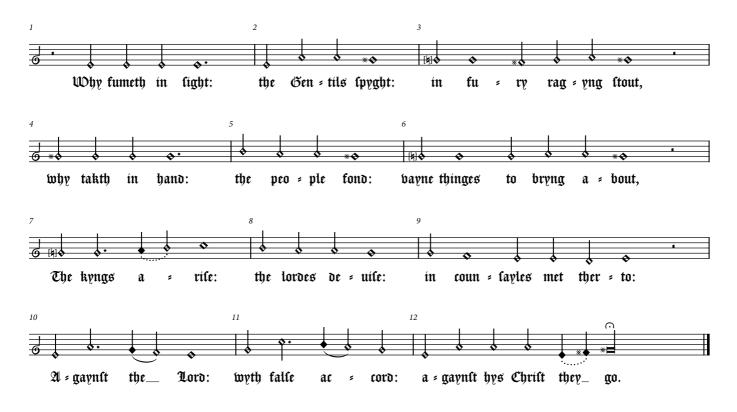
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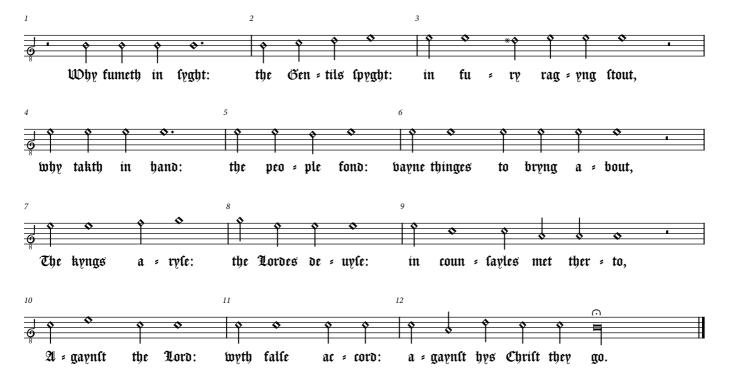
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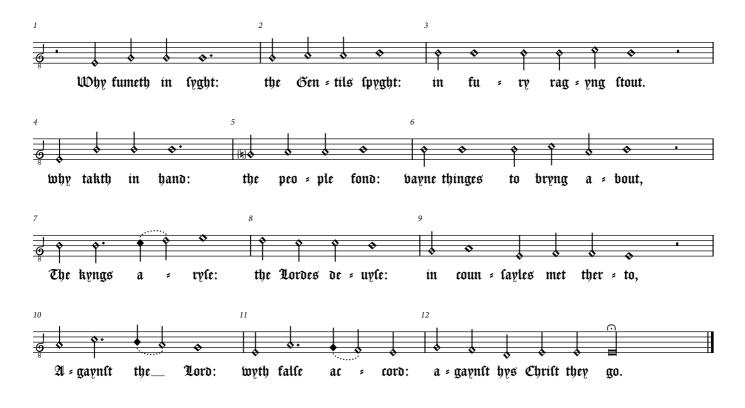


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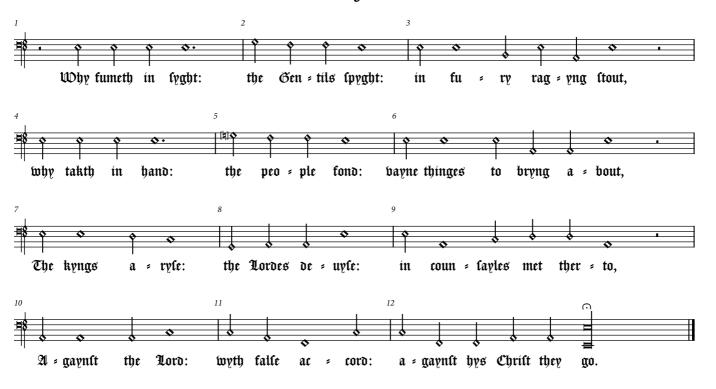


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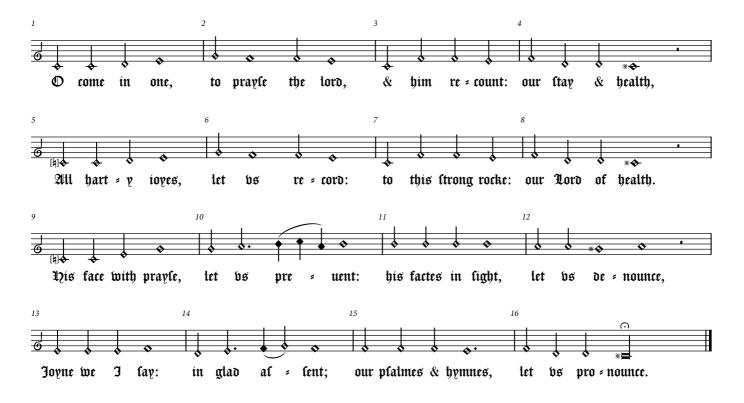


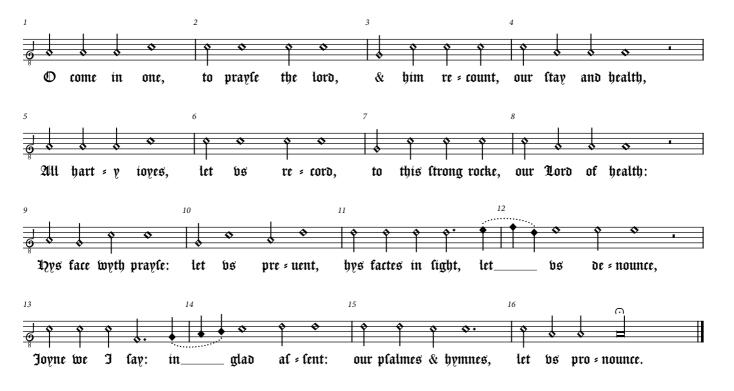


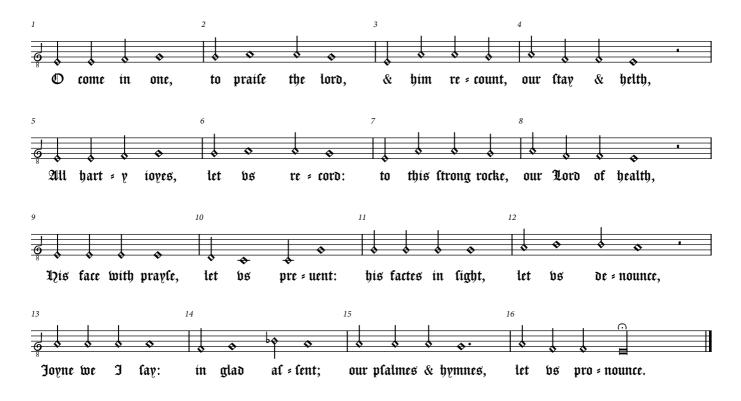
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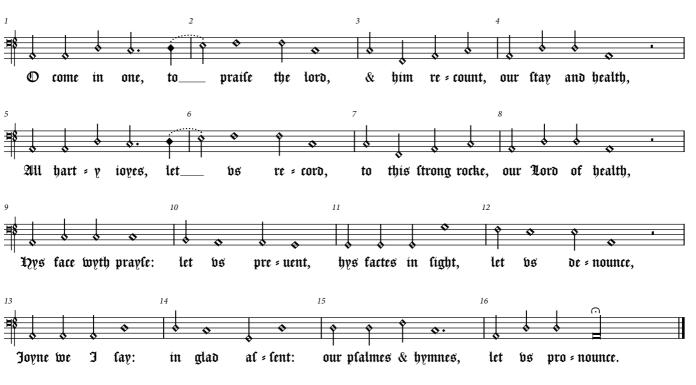
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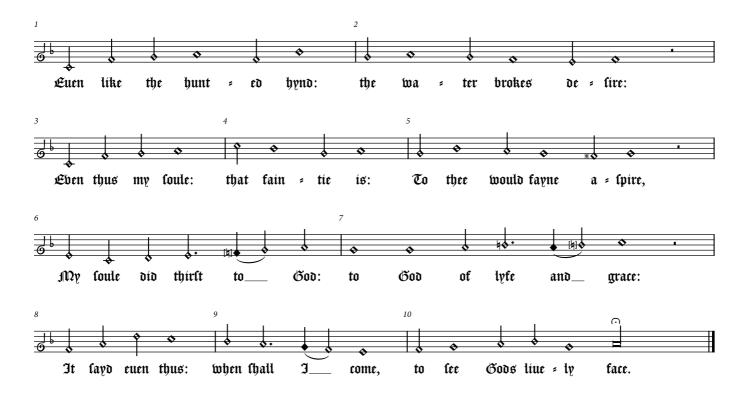


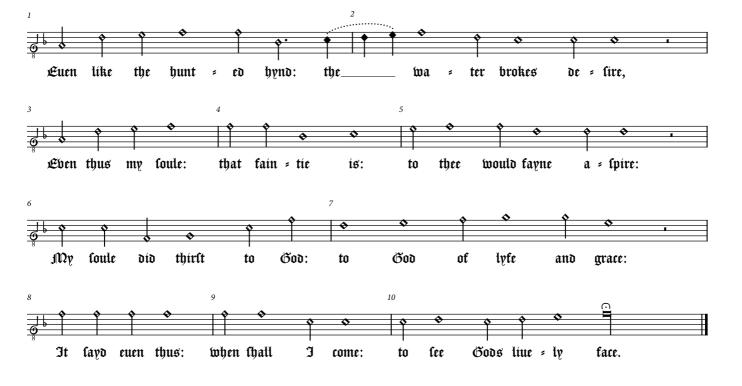


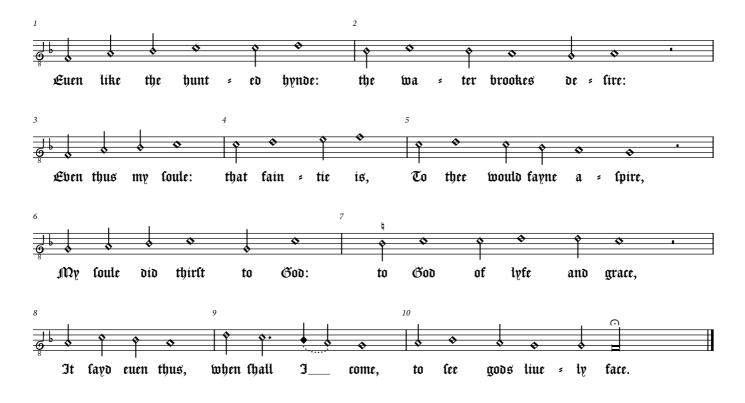
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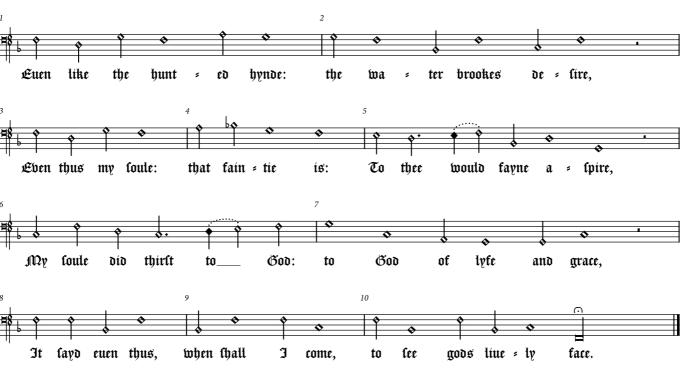
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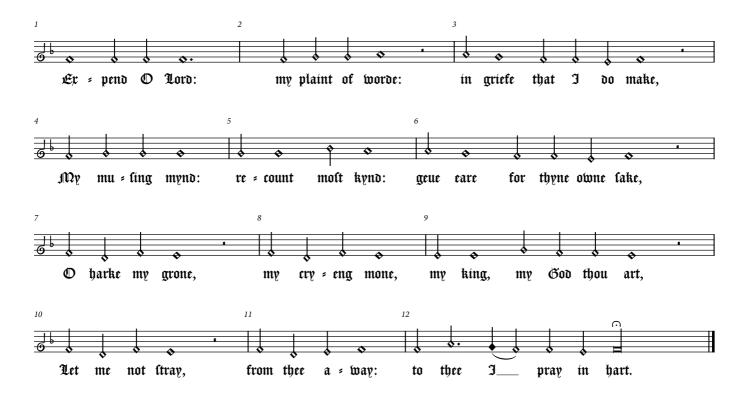


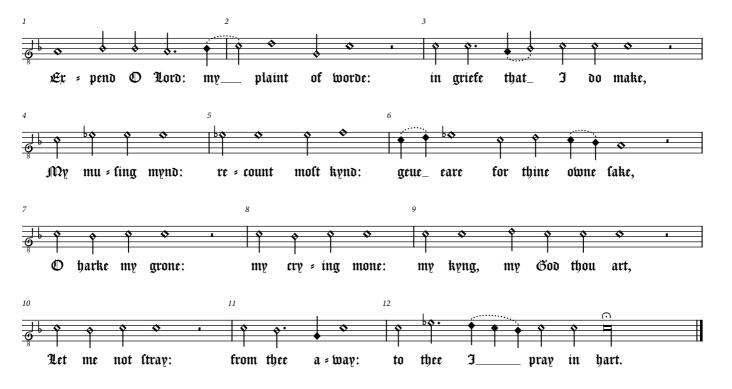


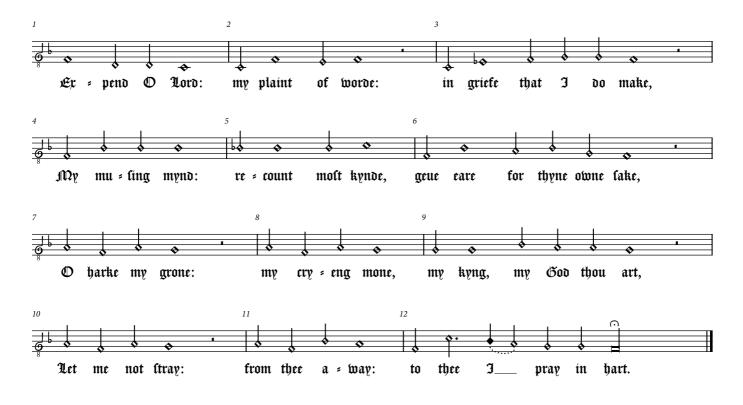




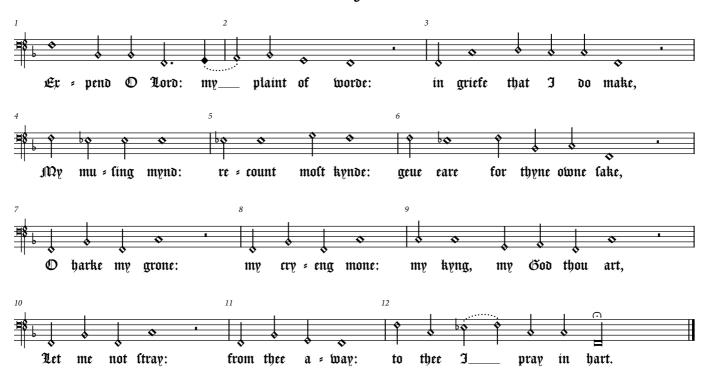
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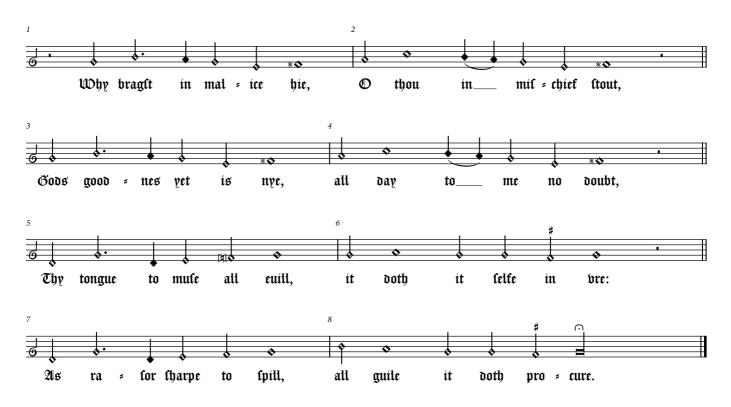


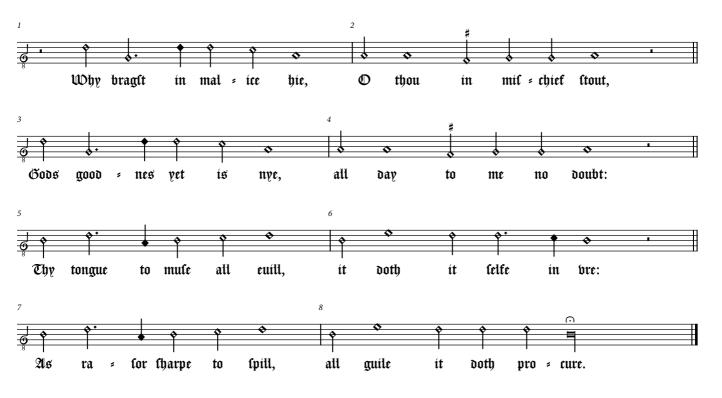


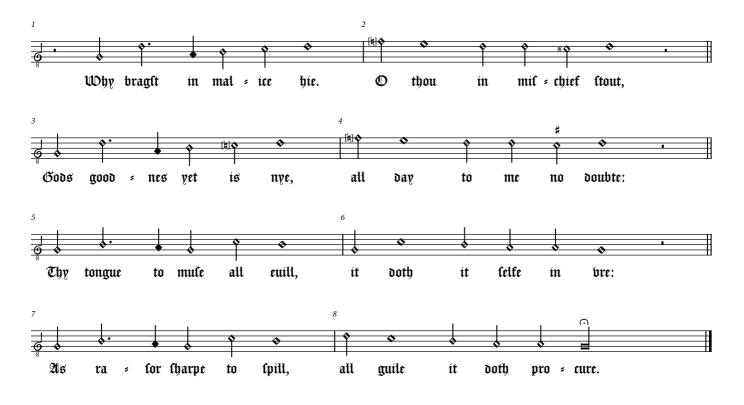
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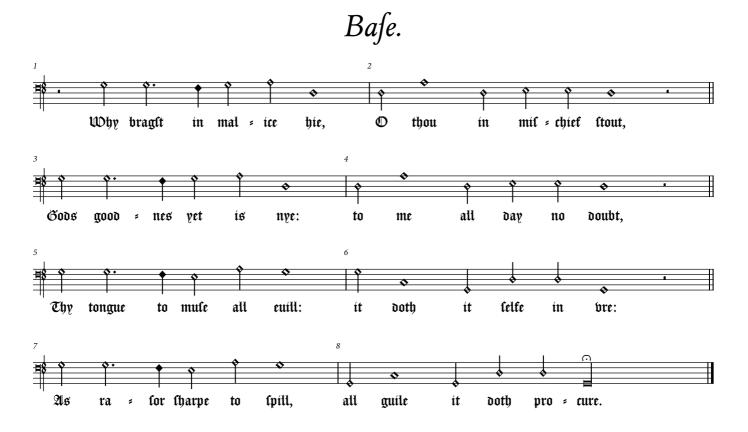


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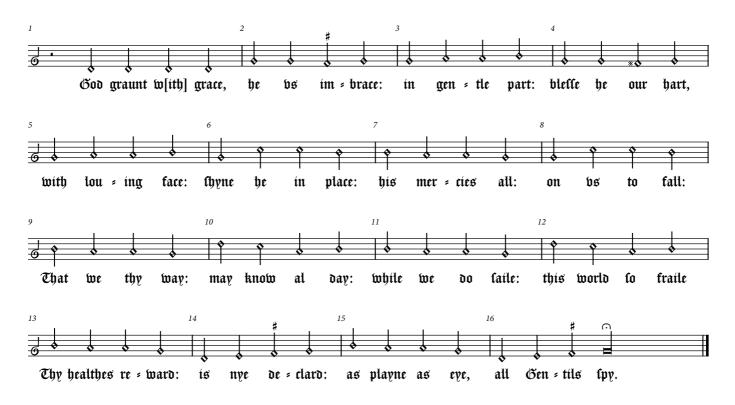


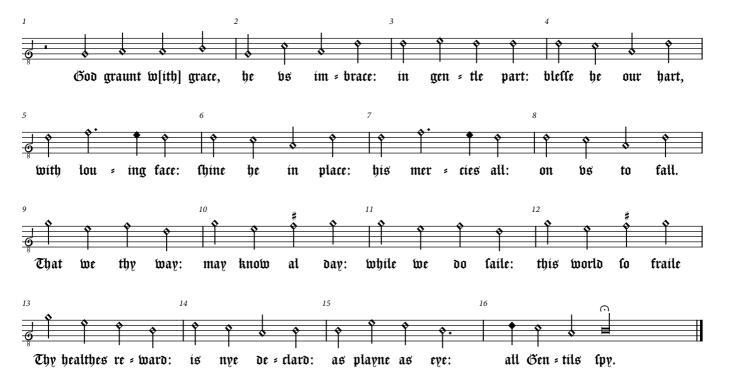


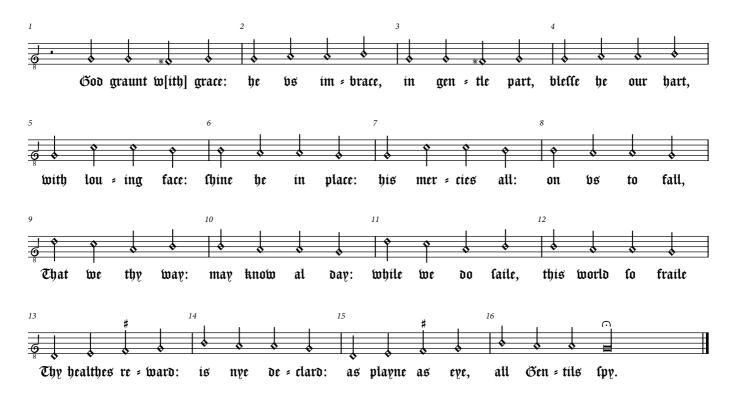
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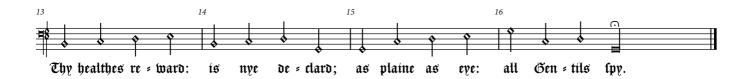
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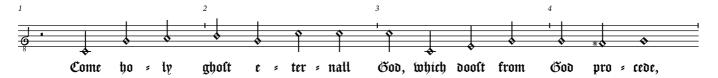


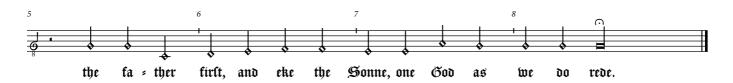


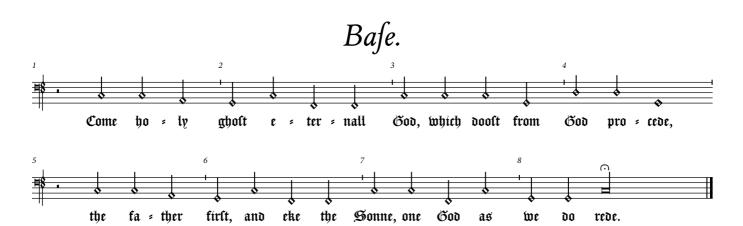
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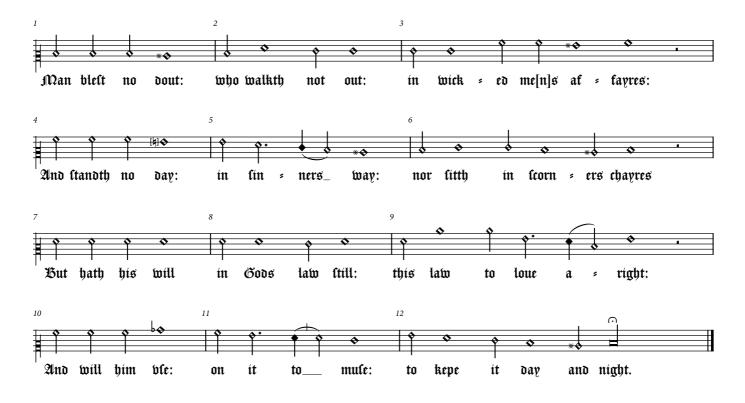
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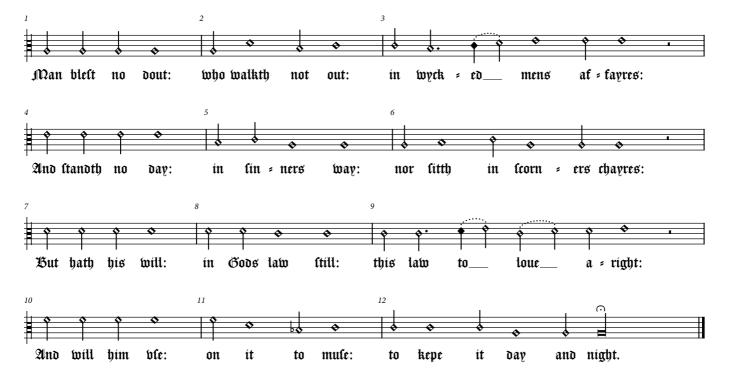
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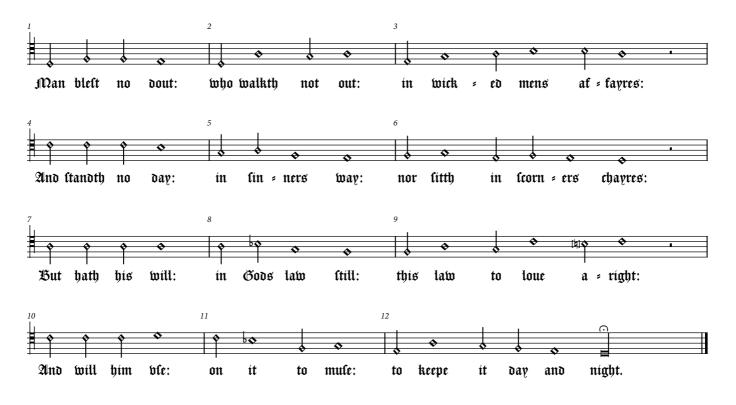
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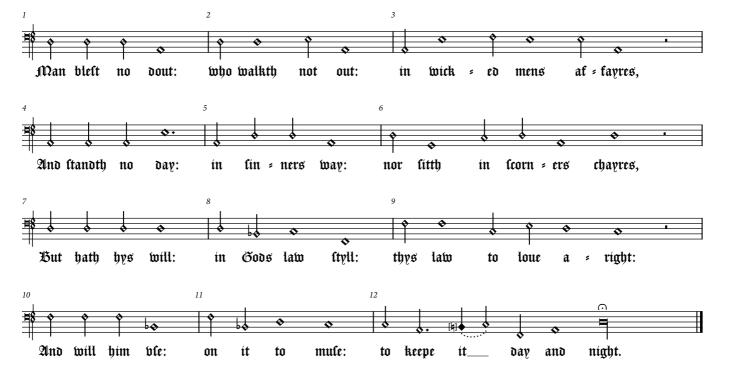
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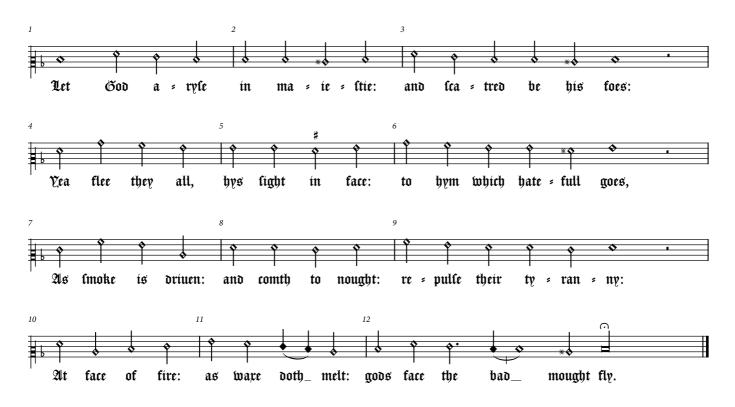




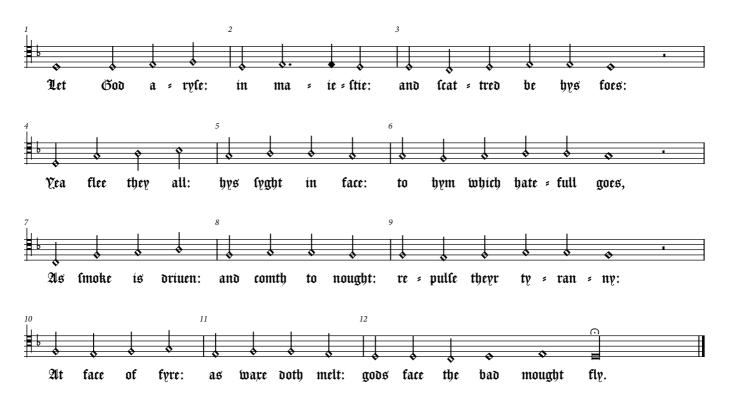
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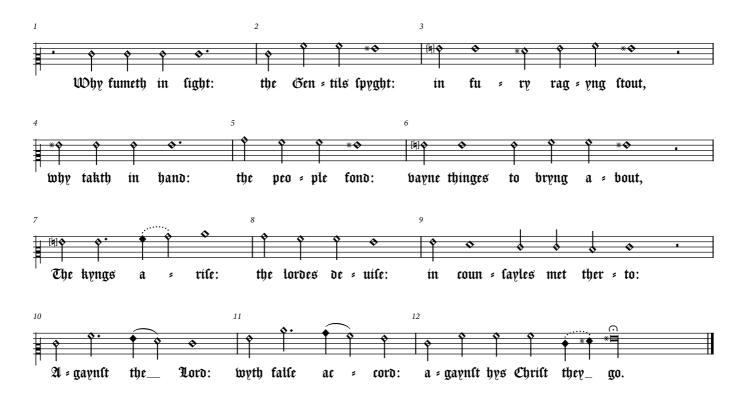


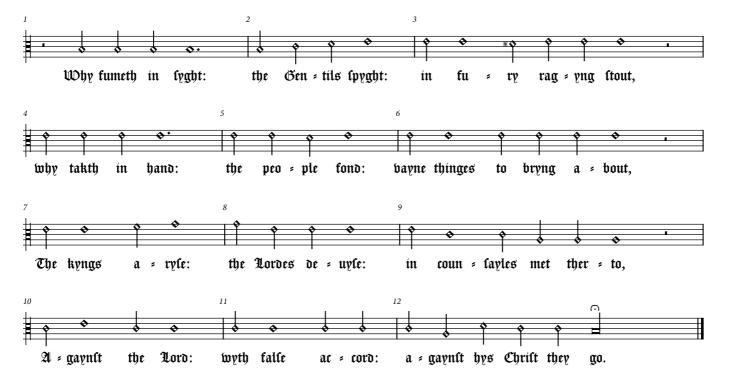






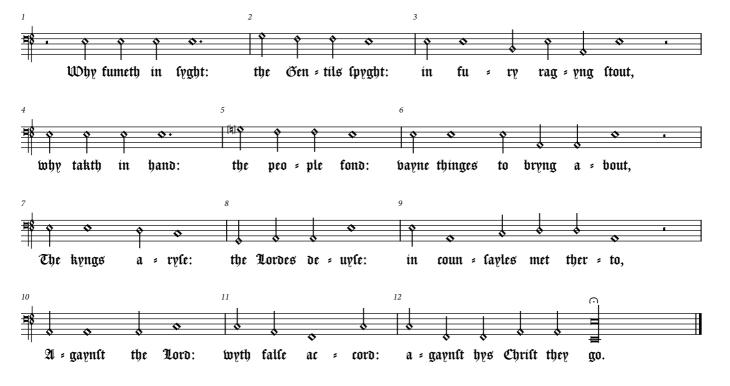
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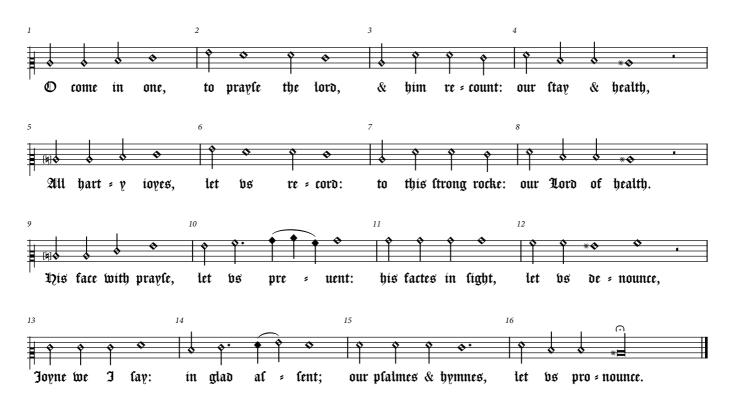
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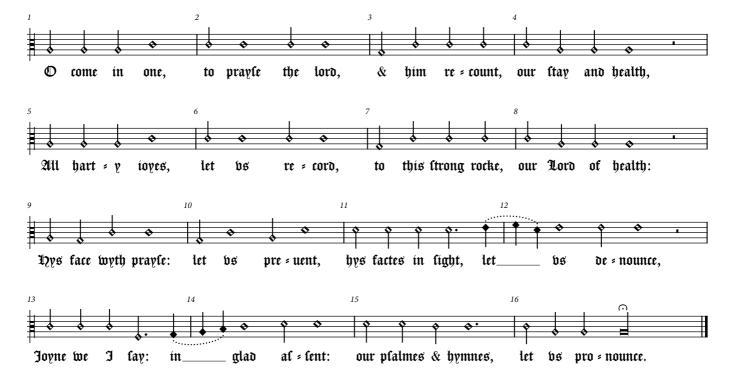


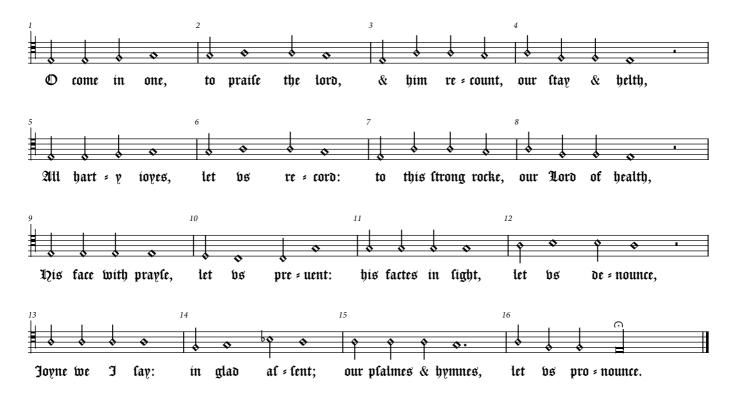
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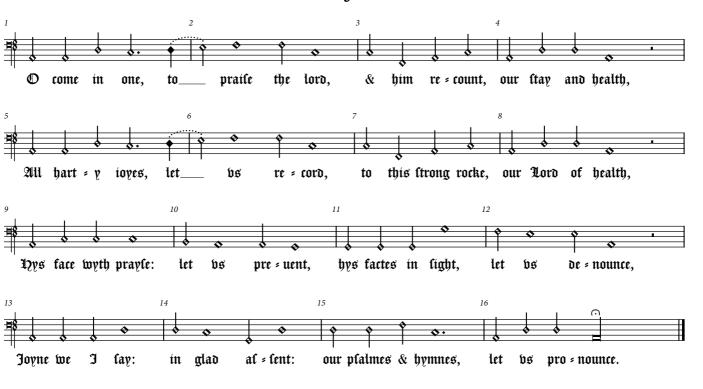
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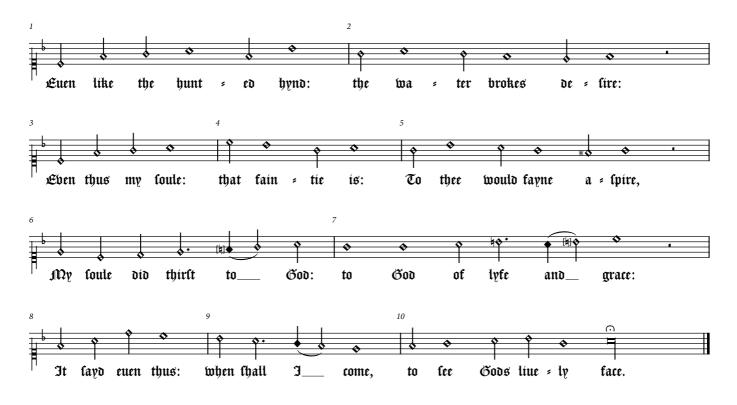


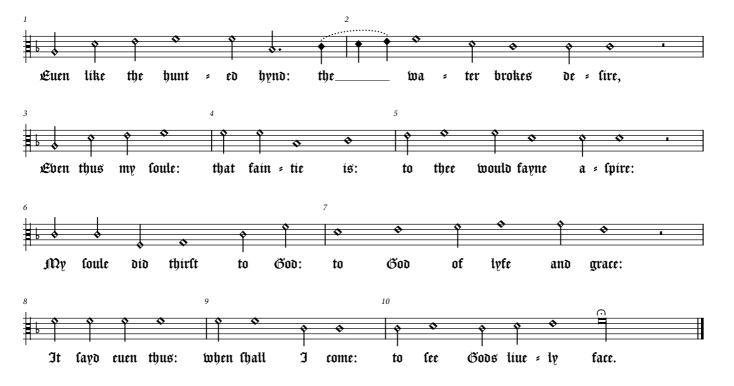


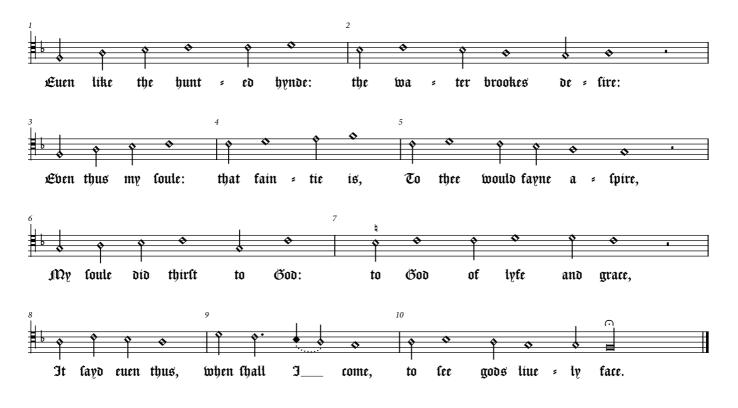
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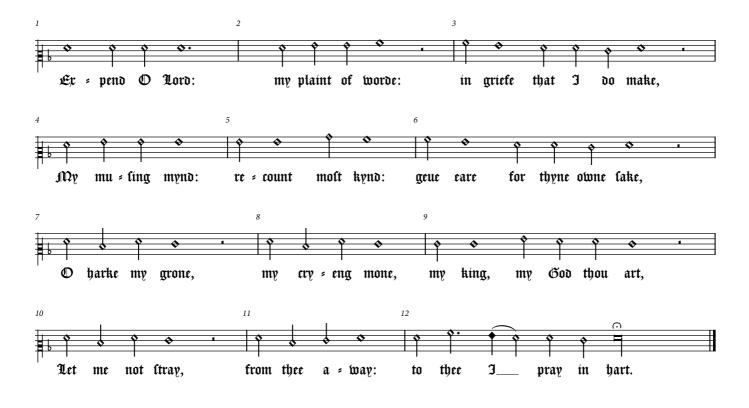


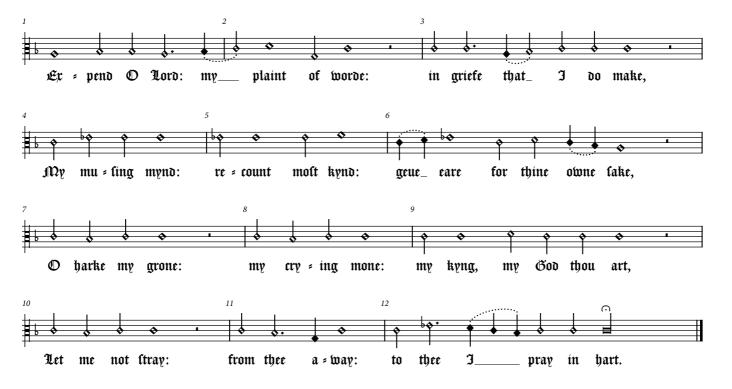


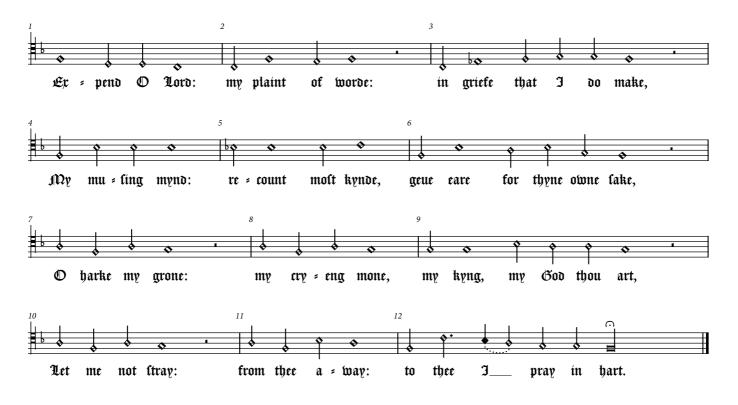
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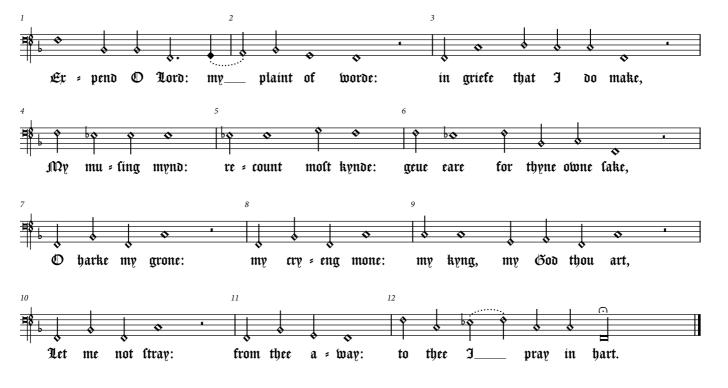
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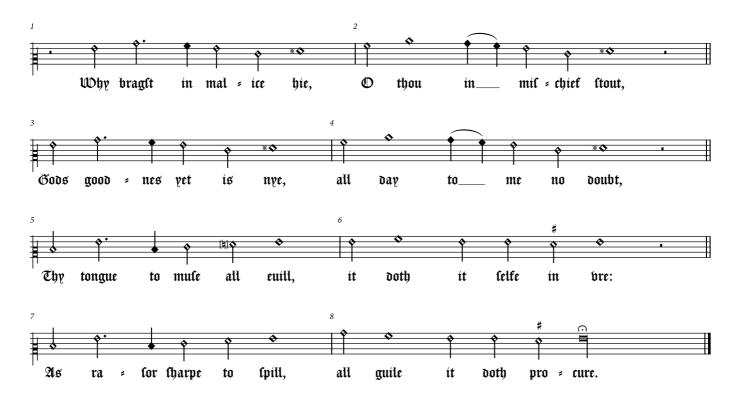


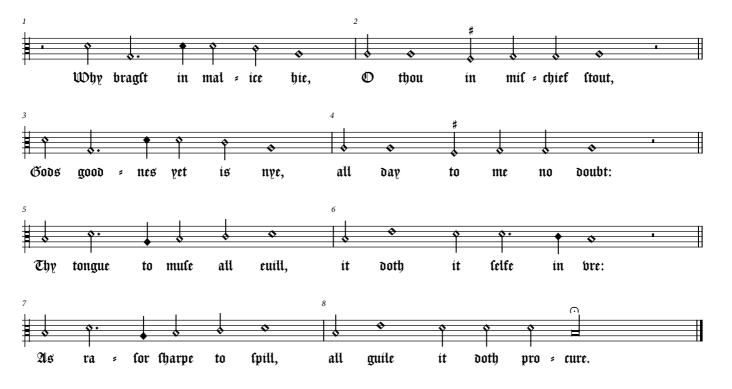


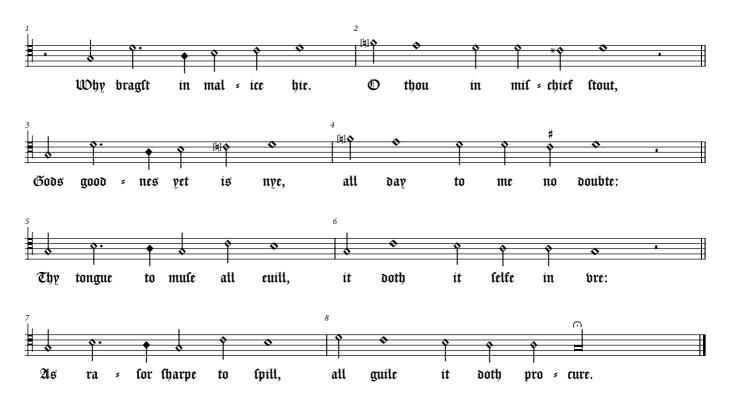
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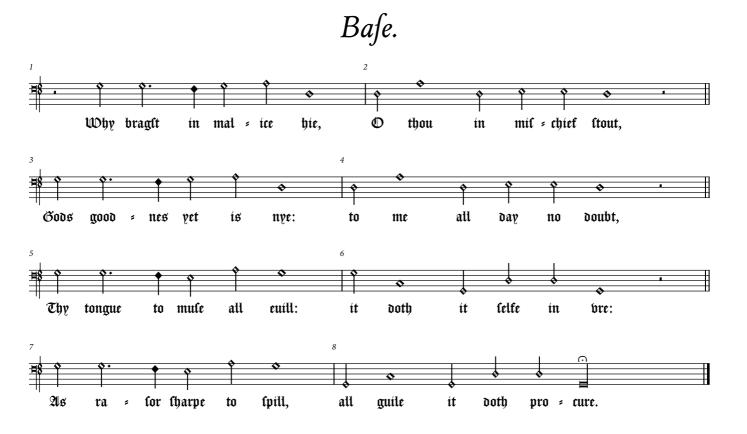


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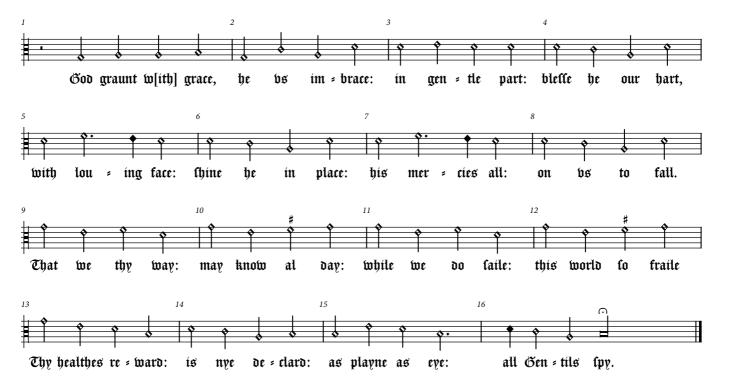


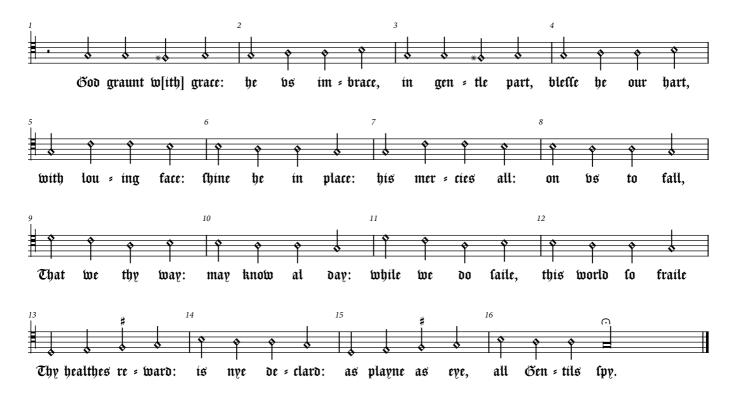
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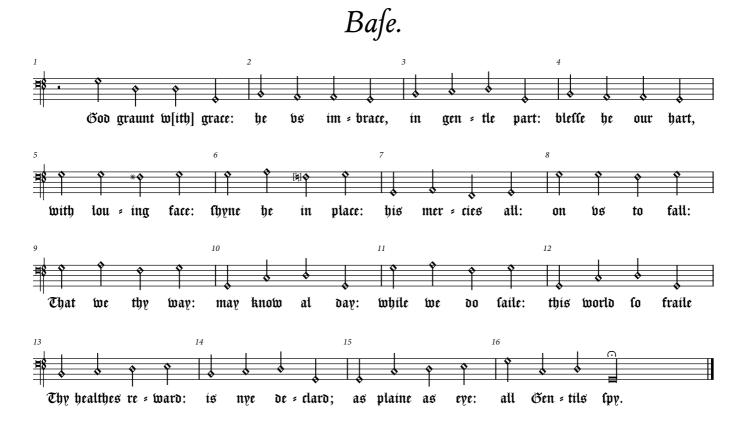
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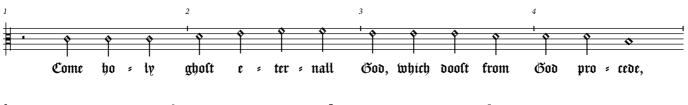
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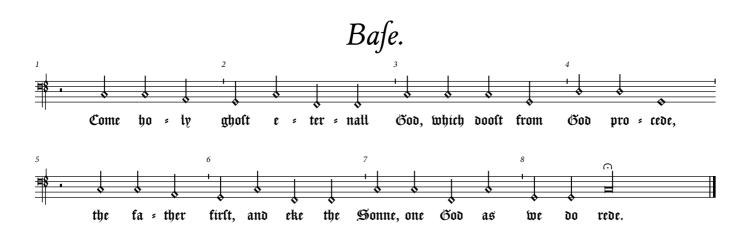
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[Appendix 1]

I For the Coniunction of Psalmes and tunes.

F Irst ye ought to consoyne a sad tune or song, with a sad Psalme, And a soyfull tune and songe wyth a soyfull Psalme, And an indifferent tune and song, with a Psalme which goeth indifferently.

Plalmes of joy be such as be constitute in the third and tift place of Athanalins table, which be Plalmes consolatory, and of thankelgeuyng with theyr Coniugates. Sad Psalmes be such as be set in the fourth common place, as Deprecatory, and Interpellatory. Indifferent be luche as be in the first and second place, as Propheticall, or such as do teach and exhort, and such also as be mixte containing divers of the layd five places: for a difference of tunes & songes in this triple nature and diversitie be vsed, the thre charecteres of the thre common accentes, as the charp accent to toyfull songes and tunes, The grave accent to sad, The circumfler accent to indifferent. Not yet by this meanyng to prescribe a rule to presudice any mans peculiar spirit or eare, for as there be diverlities of taltes in mens valates: So bee there in mens spirites, and so also in theyr eares. for what Psalme or songe, one mans spirite shall judge grave and sad, some other shall thinke it pleasaunt. And what one mans eare shall thinke pleasant, another shall iudge it sower and seuere. And therefore in this diversitie. I leave it to every mans spirite as God shall move hym: and to every mans eare, as nature shall frame hym. I set thys onely in example, for that it so agreed to my buder= standyng inwardly, and to myne eare outwardlye. But fuch copulations would there be in Plalmes and longes who can attayne to that grace, Omne tulit punctum. &c. which David expressed and observed, who was a Christian deuine in spirite, a perfecte Poete in hys Metre, and an expert muisicio[n] in ordering of the instruments, and setting of his tunes agreably.

[In the margin, the symbols $\langle \backslash \rangle$ are included alongside 'joy', 'sad', and 'indifferent' respectively. The first must surely be an error for \langle / \rangle , the symbol for 'joyful' tunes.]

[Appendix 2]



The nature of the eyght tunes.

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The first is méche: deuout to sée,

The second sad: in maiesty.

The third doth rage: and roughly brayth.

The fourth doth sawne: and slattry playth,

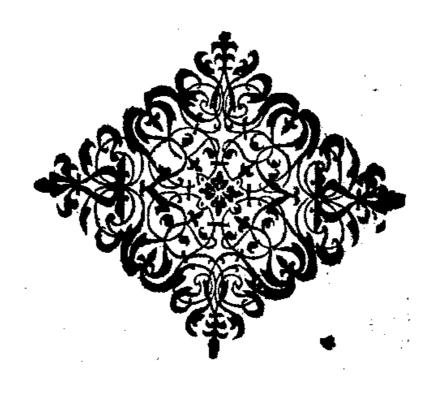
The fysth deligth: and laugheth the more,

The sixt bewayleth: it wéepeth full sore,

The seuenth tredeth stoute: in froward race,

The eyghte goeth milde: in modest pace.
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The Tenor of these partes be for the people when they will syng alone, the other parts, put for greater queers, or to suche as well syng or play them privately.



[Appendix 3: The texts as found in GB-Lbl Add. MS 15166]

- [1] (M'Can bleft no Doubte 12 po 12 allthynot orate in 12 irthed mend affaired & Far[n] Dthyno Day in [50 noill in godd lara fill thjid lara to lobe aright & 12 ill him ble on it to mule to tepe it Day & night
- [2] Let god snife in maiefre & frattened be bid foed, you flee they all bid fight fare to byom no [birb] batefull goed / Sod fucke id Dniben & rome[d] to mought Tepulfe their tixanic, at fare of fyer ad now Dothymelt godd fare th[t] bad mought flie
- [3] Voly fumith in fight this gentilled fright in fusic taying fronte, Voly takth in have this people for bain things to bring about / The kings axife this lower schife in rounrilled mete there against this lower weith falle arrow against his they goe
- [4] O rome in one to praise the lowe & him wrount o[un] stay & healthe all hartic ioned let be wronde to this strong worke o[un] lowe of health / his fare no [ith] praise let be p[w] town fight let be Denounce, ione not I say in glad assemble o[un] plalmed & hympned let be p[w] mow [n] re
- [5] Eben like the form hunted himse the formater brooked sefine, tuen then my foule that fagntice is to the feel would fagne approx / (MCy foule Sw thing to god of lyfe & grane it faw then the robe of lyfe & grane it faw then the robe of lyfe & grane it faw
- [6] Experise o lower my plainte of rowd in grief that H Doe make, my my mufing my vive wounte most chiral, gene dance for their orane sake / O harke my grone, my raying mone, my hing my god theon arte, let me not stray, from thee aroay, to the H pray in harte
- [7] Wohy bragft in malire hie o thorn in mithy formte, godd goodned it id mye all Day to me no Doubt thy tongue to muse all dell it Dothy it self in une, ad rasor sape to spill all quile it Dothy prorume
- [8] God gr.[a]unte noi[th] grave, he be imbrave, in gentle parte, bleffe he o[ur] harte, no[ith] lobing fare, flyne he in place his m[tr]rice all, on be to fall, th[at] noce they noan, may known all Day. nohile noce Do faple, this month of frayle, they healthed winards, is nie Dulaned, as playne as type, all gentiles free,
- [9] Come holy ghost sternall god ro[hirh] Doest from god provede, the father first with the sound one god and roce Do Tede /
- Stl theft 8. plalmed last before mensioned rocke tuned by m[4] Tallyd.

[Appendix 4: Verses 11-35 of Psalm 68, for *The Jecond Tune*.]

- Such good effect: god gaue hys word: to them th[at] shewd his might They dyd out preach: his armies strong: how they exceld in sight.
- 12 Now kyngs wyth hostes: most fiercely set: yet fled disconmfited: And householdes whole: that kept at home: the spoyle they dyd deuyde.
- Though ye have lyne among the pots: as black as coale in fight ye shalbe whyte: as done with winges: milke white and fethers bright (was blacke
- 14 Whe[n] God great kings: threw out of land: though earst hys flock then gan they loke: as white as snow: as lyeth on salmons backe
- 15 Gods hyll is fat: as Basan hyl: a mount that stately standth: Wyth cliffes on hye: lyke Basan mount: it riseth it is so grand.
- 16 Why leape ye so: to spyte thys mount: ye toppy hillockes gay: This is gods mount: where God hath dwelt: he there shal dwel for aye.
- Tods charets be: ten thousands twyle: of angels millions:
 Whyth them is God: with his good grace: as God loued Syna ones.
- Thou stiedst on hie: th[ou] thraldom caughtst: receiuing gifts in men Yea faythles eke: thou tookst to grace: that God myght dwell in them.
- O blest be God: who day by day: doth heape hys gyftes on vs: Thys God is God: of all our health: in power most glorious.
- 20 He is our God: even God I say: all health and wealth to shape: Yea death is ruld: by God the lord: whose dint by him we scape
- This God that wound: his enemies heds: he that their worthies qwel: Their heavy scalpes: to pare full nie: that still in sinne wil dwell.
- 22 God sayd I will: restore as once: from Basan myne I dyd: I will returne: all myne as once: from seas most depe I ryd.
- That dipt thy féete: in all their bloud: may reade appeare at eye: That dogs myght licke: their enmies bloud: so read to be therby.
- 24 Who lyst did sée: O puissant God: thy great proceedings hie: The goings iust: of thée my God: my king in sanctuary.

(theyr féete:

- 25 Whe[n] thanks were song: first singers went: the[n] minstrels moued In monds were set: the damsel maides: who playd with timbrels sweete.
- 26 When they in one: were isyntly met: thus god they prayled wel: from hart the ground: they bleft the Lord: who sprang of Israel
- 27 Small Beniamin: there ruler went: so Judas tribe theyr stone: So went the Pieres: of Zebulon: and Neptaly came on.

- Thus god hath hid all stre[n]gth & power: for thée ful nye to be: With strength O God: co[n]firme this worke: that th[ou] hast wrought (so frée.
- fro[m] thy swéete house: Jerusalem: make this thy strength procede Then kings that bryng: theyr offerings: to thee to praise thy dede
- The launce mens routes: once scatted wyde: the peoples calues once tamde: When they shal stoupe: and presentes bring: and warring folke (once shamde:
- Then shal the Pieres: of Egipt land: for this come meke in sight Then Ethiops: ful soone shal yeld: to God their hands and might
- 32 O all ye realmes: of all the earth: sing ye to God of blis.
 Sing plalmes and hymnes: to testify: how worthy prayle he is.
 Sela.
- To him that rydeth: on heaven of hevens: as he hath done of old Lo he his voyce: hath bttred forth: a voyce most strong and bold.
- 21 Associate to God all strength and myght: to Israel so showed:

 On whom h[i]s power: no lesse is wrought: then is on heaven be stowed
- D God thou art: full terrible: from out thy fanctuary: This Jacobs God: hys people ayoth: O bleft be God therby.

[Appendix 5: Verses 9-11 of Psalm 95, for *The fourth Tune*.]

- 9 In which pastyme: your fathers olde, Dyd tempt my strength: to proue my myght, They proued but me: in scorne to bold, Where yet my workes: they saw in syght.
- full forty yeres, I blamde this age, Great griefes by them: I felt by thys: I fayd euen thus: to spy theyr rage, They erre in hart: my wayes they misse.
- To whom I sware: all wrathfully,
 By theyr foule strayes: thus forst therto,
 If they so exist: my rest thould see,
 Them blame have I: if it be so.
- 10 Let them reioyce: that trust thy boyce, are thankes they shall extend:

 Who love thy name: shall ioye the same, thou doost so them defend.
- Thou Lord wilt than: geue rightwise man, the heavenly blisse from thence:
 Thy favour kynde: is not behynde, as them with thield to fence.

[Appendix 6: Verses 10-12 of Psalm 5, for *The fixt Tune*.]

- [10] Destroy their thought: O God for nought, theyr owne waves be theyr shame: Expell them out: in lies so stout, who thus blaspheme thy name.
- [11] Let them reioyce: that trust thy voyce, are thankes they shall extend:

 Who love thy name: shall ioye the same, thou doost so them defend.
- [12] Thou Lord wilt than: geue rightwise man, the heavenly blisse from thence:

 Thy favour kynde: as is not behynde, as them with shield to fence.

[Appendix 7: Verses 7-15 of *Veni Creator / Tallis's 'Ordinal'*]

- [7] Our weaknes strength: confyrme vs Lord, Both féeble faynt and frayle: That nether flesh, the world, ne deuill, In vs do once prenayle.
- [8] Put backe from vs. our enemies, And graunt that wee obtayne: Sweete peace of hart: with God and man, from grudge and proude disdayne.
- [9] And graunt O Lord, O leader sure, That we by thee as guide: Nay safe eschue: the snares of sinne, From thee no tyme to slyde.
- [10] And plenty Lord: of thy good grace, Graunt vs we humble pray:

 Be thou our toy: and comforter,

 To scape that dreadfull day.
- [11] Of stryfe and foule: dissention,
 O Lord dissolute the bands:
 And knit the knot: of peace and loue,
 Through out all Christen lands.
- [12] Graunt vs O Lord: through thée to know, The father most of might: That we of his: beloued sonne, May sure obtaine the sight.
- [13] And that with perfect sable sayth, We mought acknowledge thée:
 The sprite of them: of both I say, One God and persons thrée.
- [14] Be laude to God: the father hye, And God his sonne prayle ye: Be prayle to God: the holy sprite, One God in Trinity.
- [15] Pray we that Christ: the sausour, Douchsafe his sprite to seno: To all which true: professe his name, Till all the world doth ende.

[Appendix 8: The *Doxologies*]

IGloria Patri for divers Metres.

To God on hye, In Trinitie, in vnitie agayne: Reigne, power, and prayse, As due alwayes, to hym be geuen, Amen.

To God on hye be prayse,
The father first of myght:
To Christ his sonne: and their good sprite,
For euer due of ryght.

His name be blest: in vnitie,
For euer one: in Trinitie:
From this tyme forth: as it hath bene,
Say we therto, Amen, Amen.

To God on hye: in Trinitie,
In vnitie: yet one agayne:
Reigne, power & praise: most due to see, (So mought it be
Be alway geuen: of mortall men. (Say we, Amen.

To God the father first of myght,
To Christ his sonne: both God and Lord:
To God of them: the holy sprite,
Though three yet one: in iust accorde,
Reigne, power, and prayse: as due by right,
Ascribe we all: in open sight. (With all our might.)

SOURCES

PRIMARY SOURCE

[Parker 1567]¹

¶ The vvhole | Pfalter translated into En- | glish Metre, which contayneth an hundredth and | fifty Psalmes | The first Quinquagene. | Quoniam omnis terre Deus: Pfallite | fapienter. Pfal. 47. | Imprinted at London by John | Daye, dwelling ouer Aldersgate, beneath S. Martyns, | CUM GRATIA ET PRIVILEGIO | Regiæ Maiestatis, per | Decennium.

A quarto psalter printed by John Day; 546 pages; [1567].² Consulted copy: Parker Library, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, *CCCC* SP.1 (Early English Books, 1475–1640; *STC* (2nd ed.) / 2729; reel position 1403:01).³ Contains all four parts for nos. **1–9**: sigs.2v4^v–2y4^v.

SECONDARY SOURCE

British Library, London, England⁴

Gb-Lbl Add. MS 15166

Add. MS 15166: a single Discantus partbook copied *c*.1567–88 in England, largely by a single scribe. Contains music by Mr Bolde [sic], William Byrd, Robert Hasilton, Robert Johnson, John Mundy, William Parsons, John Sheppard, Thomas Tallis, John Taverner, and Christopher Tye. Contains the *meane* for nos. **1–9**: ff.67°–69°. Kerry McCarthy notes that this copy corresponds closely to the printed version, except for the omission of accidentals.⁵

The psalter contains poetic English translations of the psalms, several canticles, and other assorted texts. These metrical paraphrases are widely attributed to Matthew Parker (1504–1575), Archbishop of Canterbury, since his name appears in an acrostic poem before Psalm 119.

This publication date is conjectured by the STC. Parker records the completion of 'a metrical version of the Psalter into the vulgar tongue' in August 1557, and the work was entered into the Company of Stationers' register for publication in 1567/8.

David Skinner notes: 'This [copy] contains annotations in Matthew Parker's own hand, but none are relevant to the psalms set by Tallis'. See: D. Skinner (ed.), *The Tallis Psalter: Psalms and Anthems / Canticles, Preces and Responses* (London: Novello, 2013).

⁴ Description adapted from the entry in *DIAMM* 2017, listed as source no. 1871.

K. McCarthy, 'A late anthem by Tallis', Early Music 44, No. 2 (2016): 191.

TEXTUAL COMMENTARY

The following abbreviations are used in the Textual Commentary:

PART NAMES M Meane [Mean]

C Contra tenor [Contratenor]

T Tenor [Tenor]
B Base [Bass]

NOTE VALUES s semibreve

s-rest semibreve rest (etc.)

m minim

m. dotted minim (etc.)

c crotchet

PITCH Pitch names are given in the Helmholtz system: C-B, c-b, c'-b', c"-b"

(c = middle C).

#, b: if functioning as a natural, are shown in the Commentary as \(\psi \).

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SYSTEM OF REFERENCE

References take the form: bar number, number of symbol (note or rest) within the bar indicated as a superscript arabic numeral (a note tied across from the previous bar counts as ¹ in the new bar), the part name (and if necessary the feature which is signalled), the error or variant in the source(s) indicated. Thus:

 13^2 M: o would indicate that the accidental is omitted on the second symbol of bar 13 of the Mean part in the source(s) indicated; and 5^{1-2} T: $ca cg^{\#}$ would indicate that the first two symbols of the fifth bar of the Tenor part are a crotchet 'tenor' A and a crotchet 'tenor' G-sharp in the source(s) indicated.

Clefs are indicated using a combination of a letter (G, C, or F) specifying the clef type, and a number denoting the line on which the clef appears, e.g. C3.

1 MAN BLEST NO DOUT

1⁴ M: o (*GB-Lbl*)

 2^{2} B: m (CCCC)

6³ M: me' (CCCC), md' (GB-Lbl)

2 LET GOD ARYSE IN MAIESTIE

 2^3 M: o (GB-Lbl)

 3^5 M: o (GB-Lbl)

 4^2 C: s (CCCC)

 6^5 M: o (GB-Lbl)

3 WHY FUMETH IN SIGHT

2⁴ M: o (*GB-Lbl*)

 3^3 M: o (GB-Lbl)

3⁴ M: ♯ printed against mg' rather than preceding mf' (CCCC)

3⁴ C: # printed against me' rather than preceding md' (CCCC)

 3^6 M : o (GB-Lbl)

3⁷ T: *s*-rest (*CCĆC*)

 4^1 M: o (GB-Lbl)

 5^4 M: o (GB-Lbl)

6⁶ M: o (*GB-Lbl*)

 10^2 C: 4 (CCCC)

12⁵ B: s (CCCC)

12⁶ M: ♯ printed against me' rather than succeeding mf' (CCCC)

12⁶ B: *m*E & *m*e separate voices (*CCCC*)

 12^{6-7} M: o (*GB-Lbl*)

4 O COME IN ONE

1⁵ B: om [probably] (CCCC)

 4^4 M: o ($\ddot{G}B$ -Lbl)

 8^4 M: o (GB-Lbl)

 $12^3 \text{ M: o } (GB-L\acute{bl})$

 16^4 M: o (GB-Lbl)

5 EUEN LIKE THE HUNTED HYND

1¹ M: *m*d' (*CCCC*), *m*c' (*GB-Lbl*)

 1^6 C: m ($\angle CCCC$)

5⁵ M: o (*GB-Lbl*)

7⁷ T: *s*-rest (*CCCC*)

6 EXPEND O LORD

 1^1 M: m (GB-Lbl)

 2^5 M: om (GB-Lbl)

3⁷ M: *s*-rest printed after barline (*CCCC*)

7 WHY BRAGST IN MALICE HIE

2¹ T: md' [cf. 4¹] (CCCC)

30 M: nl, lacks initial barline (CCCC)

3¹ C: mb [changed to md' match first phrase] (CCCC)

3⁴ M: text is 'it' (*GB-Lbl*)

36 C: mc' (CCCC)

5⁰ M: nl, C2 clef – an error for C4 clef (*CCCC*)

5⁰ T: nl, lacks initial barline (CCCC)

5⁰ B: nl, initial barline single rather than double (*CCCC*)

8⁵⁻⁶ B: text is 'appeare' (CCCC)

8 GOD GRAUNT W[ITH] GRACE

 4^3 M: o (GB-Lbl)

9 COME HOLY GHOST ETERNALL GOD

 1^1 M: s for m-rest+m (GB-Lbl)