

Psalm 95

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Thomas Tallis, 1567

Meane
Counter Tenor
Tenor
Bass

1. O come in one To praise the Lord, And Him re-count Our stay and health:
2. For why? This Lord Is God of might, For help at need when we may call:
3. The sea is His: The work of hands: Her rise and fall, With all her road:
4. For God He is Our Lord and stay: His people we In pasture near:

2
M.
C.
T.
B.

All hear-ty joys Let us re-cord: To this strong rock, Our Lord of health.
A puis-sant King In His bright light, He pass'th all gods By rul-ing all.
The land from her By po-wer stands, Whom God so stayed For His a-bode.
His flock of hand, Who leads our way: His voice to-day If well we hear.

3
M.
C.
T.
B.

1. His face with praise Let us pre-vent: His facts in sight Let us de-nounce:
2. All coasts of earth By Him do lie: His cells and grounds, Though they be deep:
3. O then come we, Let us a-dore, And pros-trate lie On both our knees:
4. Be-ware, say I, Ye hard no hearts A-against His grace To you so meant:

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1. All notes half value of original. *Meane* moved up one octave. Bar lines in original shown dashed here.

2. *Tenor*, m. 4: flats removed from initial A in 4-1, and from G in 4-2.

Archaic Words.

1. *Prevent*. Then meant *to go before*, no negative connotation.

2. *Denounce*. Then meant *to declare*, no negative connotation.

3. *O'er-whart*. To *whart* is to plow cross-furrows, so by extension, *whart* here probably means *against the grain* or *against the flow*.

4. *Puissant*. Powerful or mighty.

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M. Join me, I say, In glad as - sent: Our psalms and hymns Let us pro-nounce.

C. As fast by Him Stand moun-tains high, And stoop to Him, Though they be steep.

T. He made us all, both rich and poor, Both king and slave, In their de - gree.

B. As de - sert saw, Once strife o'er-whart, Like temp - ting day Of mad in - tent.