

O GOD, THOU ART MY GOD

Psalm 63:1-5, 8

Anthem for Four Voices in C Major

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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(Full)

Treble
O God, _____ thou art my God: ear - ly will I seek thee,

Contratenor
O God, _____ thou art my God: ear - ly will I seek thee, ear - ly will

Tenor
O God, _____ thou art my God: ear -

Bass
O God, _____ thou art my God: ear - ly will I

6 6 7/3 6/4 7 5 7

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:

in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself: my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy Name.

Because thou hast been my helper: therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

Hallelujah.

This edition based on that found in Boyce's Cathedral Music, Vol. II (1768).

Transposed up a whole step, with editorial continuo realization added.

Tr ⁵
will I seek thee, ear - ly will I seek _____ thee, will I seek _____ thee.

Ct
I _____ seek _____ thee, ear - ly will I seek thee.

T
- ly will I seek _____ thee, ear - ly will I seek _____ thee, will I seek thee.

B
seek thee, will I seek _____ thee, ear - ly will I seek _____ thee.

6 5 4 3 7 6 9 8 3 4 3 7 6 4 6 4 3

Verse Cantoris

Ct ⁹
My soul thirs - teth for thee, my flesh _____ al - so long eth - af - ter

T
My soul thirs - teth for thee, my flesh al - so long - eth af - ter

B
My soul thirs - teth for thee, my flesh al - so long - eth af - ter

6 5 4 3 7 6 9 8 3 4 3 7 6 4 6 4 3

13

Ct
thee: in a bar-ren and dry land where no wa - ter

T
thee: in a bar-ren and dry land, a bar-ren and dry land where no wa - ter

B
thee: in a bar-ren and dry land, a bar-ren and dry land where no wa - ter

$\flat 6$ $\flat 5$ $\flat 6$ $\flat 3$ $\flat 5$ 9 $\flat 6$ $\flat 3$ 3 $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{5}{3}$

16 *Chorus*

Tr
Thus have I look'd for thee, have I look'd for thee in ho - li-ness:

Ct
is. Thus have I look'd for thee, have I look'd for thee in ho - li-ness:

T
is. Thus have I look'd for thee in ho - li-ness:

B
is. Thus have I look'd for thee in ho - li-ness:

5 6 6 6 7 3

19

Tr *that I might be - hold, that I might be - hold thy pow'r and*

Ct *that I might be - hold thy pow'r, that I might be -*

T *that I might be - hold thy pow'r, that I might be - hold thy pow'r and glo - ry, that I*

B *that I might be - hold, that I might be - hold thy pow'r,*

9 6 6 4 5 3 6 7 6

22

Tr *glo - ry, that I might be - hold thy pow'r and glo - ry.*

Ct *hold thy pow'r, that I might be - hold thy pow'r and glo - ry.*

T *might be - hold thy pow'r, be - hold thy pow'r and glo - ry.*

B *that I might be - hold thy pow'r, thy pow'r and glo - ry.*

6 7 4 3

Verse

Purcell - O God, thou art my God

5

25 *Decani*

Tr For thy lov - ing, lov - ing - kind-ness is bet - ter than life it - self, thy

Cantoris

For thy lov - ing, lov - ing - kind-ness is bet - ter than life it - self, thy

Cantoris

For thy lov - ing, lov - ing - kind-ness is bet - ter than life it - self, thy

7 5 6 4 5 3 6 6 7 5 5 6 4 #3 #

32

Tr lov - ing, lov - ing - kind-ness is bet - ter, is bet - ter than life it - self: my

lov - ing, lov - ing - kind-ness is bet - ter, is bet - ter than life it - self: my

Ct lov - ing - kind-ness is bet - ter, is bet - ter than life it - self: my

6 4 5 #3 6 4 7 5 6 4 #3 6 7 6 7 3 4 5 4 #3 4

39

Tr lips shall praise thee, my lips, my lips shall praise thee. *Chorus* As long as I

Ct lips shall praise thee, my lips, my lips shall praise thee. *Chorus* As long as I

T lips shall praise thee, my lips, my lips shall praise thee. *Chorus* As long as I live will I

46

Tr live will I mag - ni - fy thee on this man - ner, as long as I live will I

Ct *Chorus* As long as I live will I mag - ni - fy thee on this man - ner, will I

T mag - ni - fy thee on this man - ner, *Chorus* as long as I live will I

B *Chorus* As long as I live will I mag - ni - fy

52

Tr mag - ni-fy thee on this man-ner: and lift up my hands in thy Name, _____

Ct mag - ni-fy__ thee on this man-ner: and lift up my

T mag - ni-fy thee on this man-ner: and lift up, and lift up my hands in thy Name

B thee on this man-ner: and lift up my hands in thy Name, and

6 #3 6 46 6 6 46

59

Tr _____ and lift up my hands in thy Name be - cause, be -

Ct hands in thy Name be - cause thou hast been, _____ hast been _____ my help - er, be -

T be - cause, be - cause thou hast been, _____ hast been my _____ help - er, be -

B lift up my hands, and lift up my hands _____ in thy Name be -

6 6 9 8 7 3 6 4 5 2 b5 4 3

65 *Decani*

Tr cause thou hast been my help-er: there - fore un - der the sha-dow of thy wings will

Ct cause thou hast been my help-er: there - fore un - der the sha-dow of thy wings will

T cause thou hast been my help-er: there - fore un - der the sha-dow of thy wings will

B cause thou hast been my help-er: there - fore un - der the sha-dow of thy wings will

3 6 7 6 5 6 6 6 3

72 *Cantoris*

Tr — I re - joice, there - fore un - der the sha-dow of thy wings will — I re -

Ct — I re - joice, there - fore un - der the sha-dow of thy wings will — I re -

T — I re - joice, there - fore un - der the sha-dow of thy wings will — I re -

B — I re - joice, there - fore un - der the sha-dow of thy wings will — I re -

6 6 6 6 3 6

79 *Decani*

Tr
joice. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal -

Ct
joice. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal -

T
joice. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal -

B
joice. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal -

6 6 6 6 6 6 6

86 *Cantoris*

Tr
le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

Ct
le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

T
le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

B
le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

4 7 6 6 6 6 6

93

Decani *Cantoris* *Full*

Tr
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

Ct
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

T
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

B
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

6 6 7 4 #3 4 2 6 4 2 6

101

Tr
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Ct
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

T
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

B
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

7 4 3 7 4 3