

Blessed art thou that fearest God

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - Psalme 128

Thomas RAVENSCROFT (1590-1633)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR
or Playnsong

BASSVS

Cambridge Tune

Bles - sed art thou that fear - est God, and walk - est in his way:

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A.

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B.

For of thy la - bor thou shalt eat, hap - py art thou I say.

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3. Like fruitful vines on thy house side,
so doth thy wife spring out:
Thy children stand like Olive plants,
thy table round about.

4. Thus art thou blest that fearest God,
and he shall let thee see
5. The promised Jerusalem,
and his felicity.

6. Thou shalt thy children's children see,
to thy great joy's increase:
And likewise grace on Israel,
prosperity and peace.

Critical notes:

Bar 2, note 5: the 'conflict' between the E flat in the Medius and the E natural in the Tenor is in the original and has to be respected;

Cantus bar 4, note 5 is not dotted in the original;

this setting is similar to the one of Psalms 2, 73, 106 & 117;

text somewhat modernised.