

# Thee will I prayse with my whole heart

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalm 138*

John MILTON (1562 - 1647)

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TENOR  
or Playnsong  
BASSVS

*Yorke Tune*

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Even in the pre-sence of the Gods; I will ad-vance thy praise.  
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Toward thy holy temple I  
will look and worship thee:  
And praised with my thankful mouth  
thy holy Name shall be.

2. Even for thy loving kindness' sake,  
and for thy truth withal:  
For thou thy name hast by thy word  
advanced over all.

3. When I did call thou heardest me,  
and thou hast made also  
The power of increased strength  
within my soul to grow.

4. Yea, all the kings on earth they shall  
give praise to thee O Lord:  
For they of thy most holy mouth  
have heard the mighty word.

5. They of the ways of God the Lord  
in singing shall intreat:  
Because the glory of the Lord,  
it is exceeding great.

6. The Lord is high and yet he doth  
behold the lowly sp'rit:  
But he contemning knows afar  
the proud and lofty wight.

7. Although in midst of trouble I  
do walk, yet shall I stand:  
Renewed by thee (O my Lord)  
thou wilt stretch out thy hand.

8. Upon the wrath of all my foes  
and saved shall I be:  
By thy right hand: the Lord God will  
perform his work to me.

9. Thy mercy Lord endures for aye,  
Lord do me not forsake:  
Forsake me not, which am the work,  
which thine own hand did make.

## Critical notes:

this setting is similar to the one of "A Prayer to the holy Ghost" from the same book;  
the tune of the plainsong is the same as the one of Psalms 27 & 66 (same composer) and Psalms 100b and 115;  
text somewhat modernised.