

O laud the Lord benign

Paraphrased by John Craig (c1512-1600)

Psalm 136 verses 1-4

Bath, by John Bishop (1665-1737)

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[♩=96]

Soprano

1. O laud the Lord be - nign, Whose mer - cies ne'er de - cay;
 2. *The Lord of lords praise ye, Whose mer - cies e - ver dure*
 3. Which God o - mni - po - tent By his great wis - dom he
 4. *Yea, he the, hea - vy charge Of all the earth did lay*

Alto

Tenor [Air]

Bass

9

S

Give thanks, and prai - ses_ sing To God of_ gods al - way;
Great won - ders on - ly_ he Doth by his_ po - wer sure:
 The heav'n and fir - ma - ment Did frame as_ we may see:
Up - on the wa - ters large Re - main - ing_ to this day:

A

T

B

17 Chorus:

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For cer - tain - ly His mer - cies dure Both firm and sure E - ter - - nal - ly.

A

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B

Edited from Bishop's *A Set of New Psalm Tunes* (London, 1710)

Bishop underlays verse 1 ; verses 2-4 conjecturally added.

Bars 14-15 soprano and alto; bars 24 and 27 soprano and tenor;

parallel fifths and octaves sic.