

Nine Psalm Tunes for Archbishop Parker's Psalter

FIRST TUNE

Psalm 1

Thomas Tallis c. 1505-1585

Man blest no doubt, who walk'th not out, in wick - ed men's af - fairs;

The first system of musical notation for the First Tune, measures 1-7. It features a treble and bass staff in G-clef and F-clef respectively, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Handwritten annotations include a fermata over measure 1, a slur over measures 2-3, and a 'f' (forte) dynamic marking at the end of measure 7.

And stand'th no day, in sin - ners' way, nor sitt'th in scorn - ers' chairs;

The second system of musical notation, measures 8-14. It continues the melody and accompaniment. Handwritten annotations include a 'f' (forte) dynamic marking at the start of measure 8, a slur over measures 9-10, and a fermata over measure 14.

But hath his will in God's law still, this law to love a - right;

The third system of musical notation, measures 15-21. It continues the melody and accompaniment. Handwritten annotations include a 'p' (piano) dynamic marking at the start of measure 15, a slur over measures 16-17, and a 'f' (forte) dynamic marking at the end of measure 21.

And will him use, on it to muse, to keep it day and night.

The fourth system of musical notation, measures 22-28. It concludes the First Tune. Handwritten annotations include a 'f' (forte) dynamic marking at the start of measure 22, a slur over measures 23-24, and a 'f' (forte) dynamic marking at the end of measure 28. A large handwritten checkmark is visible below the system.

- 1. O greatly blessed is the man
Who walketh not astray
In counsel of ungodly men,
Nor stands in sinner's way.

Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair,
But placeth his delight
Upon god's law, and meditates,
On His law day and night.

- 2. He shall be like a tree that grows
Set by the water side,
Which in its season yields its fruit,
And green its leaves abide

And all he does shall prosper well,
The wicked are not so,
But are like chaff which by the wind
Is driven to and fro.

- 3. In judgment therefore shall not stand
Such as ungodly are,
Nor in th'assembly of the just
Shall wicked men appear.

Because the way of godly men
Is to Jehovah known;
Whereas the way of wicked men
Shall quite be overthrown.