

Expend O Lord my plaint of word

The sixth tune

Archbishop Matthew Parker (1504-1575), Psalm 5

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Contratenor (part 2 of 4)

The Whole Psalter translated into English meter (John Daye press, London, 1567)

5
Ex - pend, O Lord, my_ plaint_ of word, in grief that I do make;
My voice and vow thou_ wilt_ al - low, be-times, O Lord so free;
Let them re - joice that_ trust_ thy Voice, aye thanks they shall ex - tend;

10
my mu - sing mind re - count_ most kind, give ear for thine own sake.
in spring of day I thee_ will pray, and shall look up to_ thee.
who love thy Name shall joy_ the same, thou dost so them de - fend.

15
O hark my groan, my cry - ing moan, my King, my God thou art;
This I may vow, the God art thou which hat'st all wic - ked - ness;
Thou, Lord, wilt then give right-wise man the heav'n - ly bliss from thence;

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let me not stray from thee a - way: to thee I_ pray in heart.
no ma-lice fell with thee can dwell, thou lov - est_ no cruel-ness.
thy fa - vor kind is not be-hind, as them with_ shield to fence.