

Psalm 26

Henry Lawes (1596–1662)
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Soprano
Cantus
Alto

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Bass
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| <p>1 Lord, judge my cause: thy piercing eye
Beholds my soul's integrity.
How can I fall;
When I and all
My hopes on thee rely?</p> <p>2 Examine, try my reins and heart;
Thou, mercy's source, my object art:
Nor from thy truth
Have I in youth,
Or will in age depart.</p> <p>3 Men sold to sin offend my sight;
I hate the two-tongued hypocrite:
Those who devise
Malicious lies,
And in their crimes delight.</p> <p>7 Redeem, O with thy grace sustain!
My feet now stand upon the plain.
Thy justice I
will magnify,
With those who fear thy name.</p> | <p>4 But will, with hands immaculate,
And offerings, at thy altar wait:
Thy praise disperse
In grateful verse;
Thy noble acts relate.</p> <p>5 Thy house, in my esteem, excels:
The mansion where thy glory dwells,
My life enclose
Not up with those,
Whose sin thy grace expels!</p> <p>6 Who guiltless blood with pleasure spill:
Subverting bribes their right-hands fill;
Bold in offence.
But innocence
And truth shall guard me still.</p> |
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George Sandys (1578–1644)