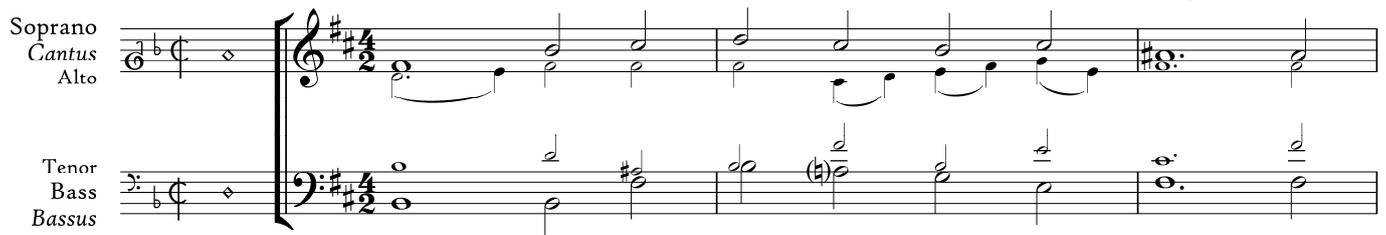


Psalm 54

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Soprano
Cantus
Alto

Tenor
Bass
Bassus



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- 1 Lord, for thy promise sake defend,
And thy all-saving shield extend:
O hear my cries,
Which with wet eyes
And sighs to thee ascend!
- 2 For cruël men my life pursue;
And who thy statutes never knew.
Suppress my foes:
O side with those,
Who to my soul are true!
- 3 With vengeance recompense their hate;
And in an instant ruinate.
Then will I bring
My offering,
And thy great acts relate.
- 4 Thy name for ever praised be;
Who from those snares hast set me free:
For lo, these eyes
My enemies
Desired subversion see.

George Sandys (1578–1644)