

Psalm 82

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Soprano  
Cantus  
Alto

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Bass  
Bassus

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| <p>1 God sits upon the throne of kings,<br/>And judges unto judgement brings:<br/>    Why then so long<br/>    Maintain you wrong,<br/>And favour lawless things?</p> <p>2 Defend the poor, the fatherless;<br/>Their crying injuries redress:<br/>    And vindicate<br/>    The desolate,<br/>Whom wicked men oppress.</p> | <p>3 For they of knowledge have no light,<br/>Nor will to know but walk in night.<br/>    Earth's bases fail;<br/>    No laws prevail;<br/>Scarce one in heart upright.</p> <p>4 Though gods, and sons of the most high;<br/>Yet you, like common men, shall die;<br/>    Like princes fall.<br/>    Great God, judge all<br/>The earth, thy monarchy.</p> |
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George Sandys (1578–1644)