

Psalme 150

God abfolutely moft excellent is to be praifed, 3. with al fortes of inftruments, and by al other meanes.

God moft excellent and moft laudable.
The 1. key.

Alleluia.

Prayfe ye our Lord ^{a)}in his holies: prayfe ye him in ^{b)}the firmament of his ftrengh.

² Prayfe ye him in ^{c)}his powers: prayfe ye him ^{d)}according to the multitude of his greatnes.

³ ^{e)}Prayfe ye him ^{f)}in the found of trumpet: prayfe ye him on pfalter, and harpe.

⁴ Prayfe ye him on timbrel and ^{g)}quire: prayfe ye him on ^{h)}ftringes, and organ.

⁵ Prayfe ye him on wel founding cymbals: prayfe ye him on cymbales of iubilation: ⁶ let euerie ⁱ⁾ſpirit prayfe our Lord. ♪ Alleluia.

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- ^a Al ye Angels and men that are in the holie and higheft heauen praife our Lord.
- ^b Al ye creatures that are in, and vnder the firft moueable firmament praife our Lord.
- ^c And you eſpecially (Gods peculiar people) amongſt whom, and for whom, diuine miracles haue bene wrought praife our Lord,
- ^d with al your poſſible endeouore, for though his infinite Excellencie exceedeth the powre of al creatures to praife him ſufficiently, yet it reſteth that you may infinitely extend your wil and defire to praife our Lord, according to the multitude of his greatnes.
- ^e Out of this your great and infinite defire, let your tongues found and ſing diuine praifes, as wel vvith voice, as muſical inftruments.
- ^f VVherof fix moſt vſual in the Tabernacle and Temple vvere theſe: Trumpet, Pfalter, Harpe, Timbrel, Organ, and Cymbal.
- ^g By the vvay the Pfalmiſt interpoſeth agane tvvo eſpecial thinges, vvwhich make perfect harmonie, vvithout vvwhich no inftrument is grateful to God: Vnitie amongſt his ſeruants, ſignified by the Quire of conſonant voices:
- ^h and mortification of paſſions, ſignified by Stringes, vvwhich are made of dead beaſtes bovvels.
- ⁱ Man created of corruptible bodie and immortal foule, is finally admoniſhed to praife our Lord, ouer and aboue the praifes of al other corporal creatures; vvho alſo is more eſpecially bond therto then Angels, becauſe God hath voutſaffed to make himſelf Man, to redeme man that vvvas loſt by finne, and to endew him vvith nevv grace, and ſo bring him to euerlaſting glorie, vvhere vvith holie

ANNOTATIONS

6 Pſalme CL.) S. Auguſtin in the *concluſion of his Enarrations*, or Sermons vpon the Pſalmes, explicateth a myſterie in the number of an hundred and fiftie, ſignifying the concord of the two Teſtaments. For in the old teſtament they kept the Sabbath, which is the ſeuenth day: in the new we kepe our Lords day, after the ſabbath, that is, the eight: which ſeuen and eight (making fiftene) multiplied by tenne, ſignifying the Law of tenne commandments, riſe vnto 150.

Againe ſeuen multiplied by ſeuen make 49. wherto one (to witte the eight) being added make fiftie, which multiplied by three, ſignifying the B. Trinitie, make 150. Neither ſemed it without cauſe to this great Doctor, that the firſt fiftie end with a Pſalme of Penance, crauing mercie & remiſſion of finnes: the ſecond with Mercie and Iuſtice, which God ioyneth in the Redemption, Iuſtification, and Saluation of men: the laſt with Diuine Praiſes, ſignifying, that by condemning finnes in our ſelues, through Gods mercie we may be iuſtified, and ſo beginne in this life, which is to be perfected in the next, to praife our Lord, as S. Paul admoniſheth with Pſalmes, Hymnes, and Spiritual Songues. Concluding with the two verſes, appointed by S. Damafus Pope, to be added in the end of al Pſalmes, and is obſerued euer ſince his time by tradition in the vvhole Church:

Glorie to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the Holie Ghoſt: As it was in the beginning, and now, and euer, into worldes of worldes (in eternitie vvithout end) Amen.

The number of Pſalmes ſignifieth the agreement of the old and new Teſtament.

Three fifties ſignifie
Penance,
Mercie vvith
iuſtice,
and Praiſes of
God.

Gloria Patri added
by tradition.

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Angels, men alſo for euer & euer ſhal praife our Lord, vvith hart, voice, and iubilation of ſpirite, ſinging as the Pſalmiſt concludeth, Alleluia.