

Be thou my judge, O Lord

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Book of Common Prayer (slightly adapted)

Psalms 26 verses 1-3, 6-8

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[♩=88]

Soprano
Be thou my judge, O Lord, Be thou my judge, O

Alto
Be thou my judge, O Lord,

Tenor [Air]
Be thou my judge, O Lord, Be thou my judge, O

Bass
Be thou my judge, O Lord, Be thou my judge, O

6
S Lord, for I have wal - ked in - no - cent - ly:
A for I have wal - ked in - no - cent - ly:
T Lord, for I have wal - ked in - no - cent - ly:
B Lord, for I have wal - ked in - no - cent - ly:

11 [A]
S my heart hath been al - so in the Lord, there - fore shall I not fall. fall.
A my heart hath been al - so in the Lord, there - fore shall I not fall. fall.
T my heart hath been al - so in the Lord, there - fore shall I not fall. fall.
B my heart hath been al - so in the Lord, there - fore shall I not fall. fall.

19 [B] [♩=100]
S Ex - a - mine me, O Lord, Ex - a - mine me, O
A Ex - a - mine me, O Lord, and prove me Lord, Ex - a - mine me, O
T Ex - a - mine me O Lord, and prove me,
B Ex - a - mine me, O Lord, and prove me Lord, Ex a - mine me, O

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25 **Slow** [$\text{♩}=72$]

S Lord: try out my reins and my

A Lord: try out my reins and my

T Lord: try out my reins and my

B Lord: try out my reins and my

29 **Faster** [$\text{♩}=100$]

S heart. Ex - a - mine me O Lord, Ex - a - mine me O Lord:

A heart. Ex - a - mine me O Lord:

T heart. Ex - a - mine me O Lord, and prove me Lord:

B heart. Ex - a - mine me O Lord:

35 **Very slow** [$\text{♩}=60$]

S try out my reins and my heart.

A try out my reins and my heart.

T try out my reins and my heart.

B try out my reins and my heart.

39 **[Faster]** [$\text{♩}=92$]
(Bass)

B For thy lov - ing - kind - ness is e - ver be - fore my eyes: and I will

46

B walk, I will walk, I will walk, will walk in thy truth.

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53 **D** [$\text{♩}=108$] (Soprano)

S I will wash my hands, will wash my hands in

(Tenor)

T I will wash my hands, will wash my hands in

B I will wash my hands in

58

S in - no - cen - cy, O Lord: and

T in - no - cen - cy, O Lord: and so will I go to thine al - tar,

B in - no - cen - cy, O Lord:

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S so will I go, and so will I go to thine

A and so will I go to thine

T and so will I go to thine

B and so will I go, and so will I go to thine

70

S al - tar, and so will I go to thine al - tar.

A al - tar, and so will I go, and so will I go to thine al - tar. I will

T al - tar, and so will I go, so will I go to thine al - tar.

B al - tar, and so will I go to thine al - tar.

78 **E** (Alto)

A wash my hands in in - no - cen - cy, O Lord, and so will I

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A go to thine al - tar,

T and so will I go,

B and so will I

90

S and so will I go to thine al - tar.

A and so will I go to thine al - tar.

T and so will I go to thine al - tar.

B go, and so will I go to thine al - tar.

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S That I may show the voice of thanks - gi - ving: and tell of all thy

A That I may show the voice of thanks - giv - ing: and

T That I may show the voice of thanks - gi - ving: and tell of all thy

B That I may show the voice of thanks - giv - ing: and

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S won - drous works, and tell of all thy won - drous

A tell of all thy won - drous works, and tell of all thy won - drous

T won - drous works, and tell of all thy won - drous

B tell of all thy won - drous works, and tell of all thy won - drous

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100 Fine

S works, and tell of all, and tell of all thy won - - - drous works.

A works, _____ and tell of all thy won - - - drous works.
1st time
2nd time

T works, and tell of all, and tell of all thy won - - - drous _____ works.

B works, _____ and tell of all thy won - - - drous works.

104 **G** [♩=40] Solo (Soprano) *Soft*

S Lord, have I lov - ed, [*p*] Lord, have I lov - ed the ha - - - bi - ta - tion of thy

108 D.S. al Fine

S house: and the place where in ho - - - - - nour _____ dwell-eth.