OH THOU LORD, THOU GOD OF MIGHT

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1. Oh thou Lord, thou God of might, Who does all things work a-right,
2. True thy ways are, and di-rect, Ho-ly King of Saints e-lect,
3. Who is there that shall de-ny, Thy great Name to glo-ri-ty?
4. In thy pre-sence na-tions all Shall to ad-o-ra-tion fall;

What-so-e’er is done by thee, Great and won-drous proves to be.
And, oh, there fore, who is there, That of thee re-tains no fear.
For thou, Lord, and thou a-lone, Art the per-fect Ho-ly One.
For thy judg-ments now ap-pear Un-to all men what they are.

This text (a paraphrase of Revelation 15:3-4) and the soprano and bass of this tune were both published in The Hymnes and Songs of the Church (London, 1623). The alto and tenor parts are editorial; alternatively, the soprano melody could be accompanied by continuo playing the bass line.