

# Psalm 82

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*Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.*

*Introduction*

The musical score consists of three systems. The first system is an introduction for piano, marked 'Firmly', with a treble and bass clef. The second system is a vocal line with piano accompaniment, featuring the lyrics: 'Rise, O God, and rule the earth. All na-tions are yours.' The third system is a four-measure piano accompaniment for the refrain, with measures numbered 1 through 4.

- (1) God stands in the council of heaven;  
and gives judgement in the midst of the gods:
- (2) "How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favour to the wicked?"
- (3) Save the weak and the orphan;
- (3) defend the humble and needy;
- (4) Rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked. **R.**

- (1) They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darknes;
- (2) all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- (3) Now I say to you, 'You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;
- (4) Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.'" **R.**