

Psalm 39

Dixi, Custodiam

BCP 1979 Anglican Chant Psalter

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mf *

1. I said, "I will keep watch up - on my ways, so that I do not of - fend with my tongue.



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I will put a muzzle on my mouth while the wicked are in my presence."

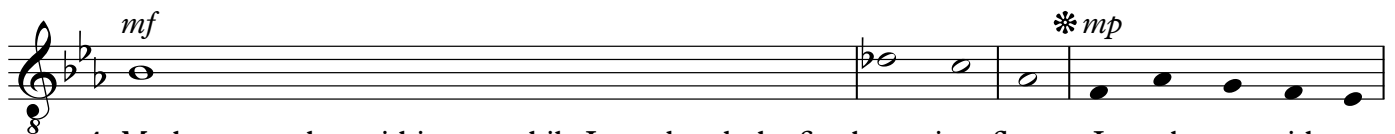


p * *mp*

3. So I held my tongue and said nothing; I refrained from rash words; but my



pain be - came un - bear - able.



mf * *mp*

4. My heart was hot within me: while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; I spoke out with my

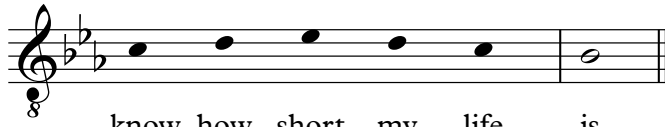


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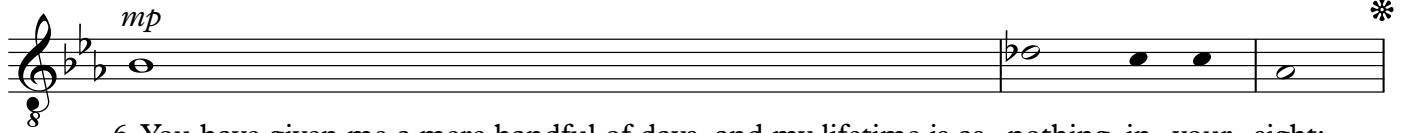


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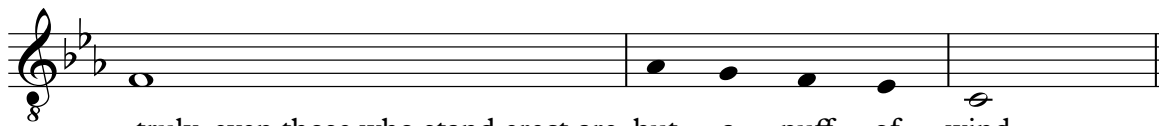
5. Lord let me know my end and the number of my days, so that I may



know how short my life is.



6. You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight;



truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

mp * *mf*

7. We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; we heap up riches and

mp *mf*

cannot tell who will gather them.

* *mp*

8. And now, what is my hope? O Lord, my hope is in you.

mp

mf ** f*

9. Deliver me from all my trans-gressions and do not make me the taunt of the fool

mf *f*

p ***

10. I fell silent and did not open my mouth, for surely it was you that did it.

p

mf ***

11. Take your af-fliction from me; I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

mf

mp ***

12. With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us;

mp

truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

mf *
 13. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears.
mf

**mp*
 14. For I am but a sojourner with you, a wayfarer, as all my fore-bears were.
mp

mf **p*
 15. Turn your gaze from me that I may be glad a-gain, before I go my way and am no more.
mf *p*

mf
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spirit:
mf

p
 As it was in the be-ginning is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.
p