

ELW Psalm 31

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and
my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with
sighing;**

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my
bones | are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to | my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all
around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take
my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.
I have said, “You | are my God.**

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who | persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”**

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