

# Why do the heathen so furiously rage together?

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Book of Common Prayer

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## Psalm 2 verses 1-4

*for Nicholas Markwell and his singers at All Saints Church, Caddington*

[Air] [Symphony]

*[♩=80]*

Soprano      Why, why, why do the heathen so furiously rage together,  
 Alto            Why, why, why do the heathen so furiously rage together,  
 Tenor          Why, why, why do the heathen so furiously rage together,  
 Bass            Why, why, why do the heathen so furiously rage together,

S      6      so fu rious - ly, fu rious - ly, fu - rious lyrage, so fu - rious - ly, fu - rious - ly,  
 A                so fu - rious - ly, fu - rious ly, fu - rious - ly rage, so fu - rious - ly,  
 T                so fu rious - ly, fu rious - ly, fu - rious lyrage, so fu - rious - ly, fu - rious - ly,  
 B                so fu - rious - ly, fu - rious ly, fu - rious - ly rage, so fu - rious - ly,  
 S      10       fu - rious - ly rage to - ge - ther, so fu - rious - ly rage to - ge - ther, so  
 A                fu - rious - ly rage to - ge - ther, so fu - rious - ly rage to - ge - ther, so  
 T                fu - rious - ly rage to - ge - ther, so fu - rious - ly rage to - ge - ther, so  
 B                fu - rious - ly rage to - ge - ther, so fu - rious - ly rage to - ge - ther, so

[♩] [♩] show instrumental notes.

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S                          fu - riou - sly rage to - ge - ther, ▾

A                          fu - riou - sly rage to - ge - ther, ▾

T                          fu - riou - sly rage to - ge - ther,

B                          fu - riou - sly rage to - ge - ther,

**18**                      **A**                          (Alto)                          *mf* and why do the peo - ple i - ma -

A                          (Tenor)                          why do the peo - ple i - ma -

T                          gine a vain thing, i - ma -

**23**                      S                          (Soprano)                          *mf* and why do the peo - ple i - ma -

(Alto)                          gine a vain thing, i - ma -

A                          (Tenor)                          - gine a vain thing, i - ma -

T                          - gine a vain thing, i - ma - gine, i - ma - gine, i -

**27**                      S                          - gine a vain thing, i - ma - gine a vain

A                          - gine, i - ma - gine, i - ma - gine, i - ma - gine, i -

T                          ma - gine, i - ma - gine, i - ma - gine, i - ma - gine, i -

B                          - mf and why do the peo - people i - ma -

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**Soprano (S)**

**Alto (A)**

**Tenor (T)**

**Bass (B)**

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thing, *f* i - ma - gine a vain thing?

ma - gine, *f* i - ma - gine a vain thing?

ma - gine, *f* i - ma - gine a vain thing?

The *mf*

**36** **B (Tenor)**

kings of the earth rise up, rise up, rise up, and the ru - lers take coun sel to

(Bass) *mf* rise up, rise up, rise up, and the ru - lers take coun sel to

**41** **(Alto)**

*mf* The kings of the earth rise up, rise up, rise up, and the

ge - - - ther, rise up, rise up, rise up, and the

ge - - - ther, rise up, rise up, rise up, and the

**46** **C** *Adagio*

**Soprano (S)**

**Alto (A)**

**Tenor (T)**

**Bass (B)**

*f* a-against the Lord, a-against the Lord, a-against the Lord and his a -

ru lers take coun-sel to -ge -ther, *f* a-against the Lord, a-against the Lord, a-against the Lord and his a -

ru lers take coun-sel to -ge -ther, *f* a-against the Lord, a-against the Lord, a-against the Lord and his a -

ru lers take coun-sel to -ge -ther, *f* a-against the Lord, a-against the Lord, a-against the Lord and his a -

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S sun-der, let us break their bonds a - sun-der, let us break their bonds a -  
A sun-der, let us break their bonds a - sun-der, let us break their bonds a -  
T sun-der, let us break their bonds a - sun-der, let us break their bonds a -  
B sun-der, let us break their bonds a - sun-der, let us break their bonds a -

Symphony

**E**

S A T B S A T B S A T B

65 sun-der, and cast a - way, and cast a -

sun-der, and cast a -

sun-der, and cast a - way, and cast a -

sun-der, and cast a -

70 way, *mf* and cast a - way, and cast a - way, and cast a - way, and cast a -

way, *mf* and cast a - way, and cast a - way, and cast a - way, and cast a -

way, *mf* and cast a - way, and cast a - way, and cast a - way, and cast a -

way, *mf* and cast a - way, and cast a - way, and cast a - way, *p* and cast a -

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Soprano (S) *p* *mf* and cast a - way, *f* and cast a - way their yokes from  
 Alto (A) *p* *mf* way, and cast a - way, and cast a - way, and cast a - way their yokes from  
 Tenor (T) *p* *mf* and cast a - way, *f* and cast a - way their yokes from  
 Bass (B) *p* *mf* and cast a - way, *p* and cast a - way, *f* and cast a - way their yokes from

79 **F** **Moderato** [♩=140]

Soprano (S) us.  
 Alto (A) *mf* us. Hal - le - lu - jah,  
 Tenor (T) *mf* us. Hal - le - lu - jah,  
 Bass (B) us.

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Soprano (S) *mf* Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,  
 Alto (A) Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,  
 Tenor (T) Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

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Soprano (S): Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -  
Alto (A): Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -  
Tenor (T): Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -  
Bass (B): - - - - *mf* Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

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Soprano (S): lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -  
Alto (A): lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -  
Tenor (T): lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, *f* Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -  
Bass (B): - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, *f*

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Soprano (S): - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -  
Alto (A): Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -  
Tenor (T): Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -  
Bass (B): - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, -

**G** *p*  
*p* *p*

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S      lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

A      - lu - jah,      Hal - le - lu - jah,      Hal - le - lu - jah,      Hal - le -

T      - lu - jah,      Hal - le -

B      -      -      -      -      Hal - le - lu - jah,      Hal - -

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S Hal - le - *ff* Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,  
A - lu - jah, *ff* Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -  
T lu - jah, Hal le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,  
B le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -  
*ff* *r* Instrumental

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Soprano (S): Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Alto (A): lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Tenor (T): Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Bass (B): - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

**Adagio**