

Psalm 119

Second Stasis: Verses 73 - 131

Priest:

Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments. Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice, because I have trusted in Your word. I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, and that in Your faithfulness You have afflicted me.

Refrain:

The image shows a musical score for the refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Have mercy on Your servant' are written below the treble staff. A note in the treble staff is marked '(Priest's note)'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Let Your steadfast love be ready to comfort me, according to Your promise to Your servant. Let Your mercy come to me that I may live, for Your law is my delight. Let the godless be put to shame, because they have transgressed against You unjustly; as for me, I will meditate on Your precepts.

Have mercy on Your servant. (as above)

Let those who fear You turn to me, that they may know Your testimonies. May my heart be blameless in Your statutes, that I may not be put to shame. My soul languishes for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

Have mercy on Your servant. (as above)

My eyes fail with weeping for Your promise; I ask, "When will You comfort me?" For I have become like a wineskin in the dregs, forgotten Your statutes. How long must Your servant endure? When will You comfort me, O Lord, and those who persecute me?

Have mercy on Your servant. (as above)

Godless men have dug pitfalls for me, men who do not conform to Your law. All Your commandments are true, but they persecute me with falsehood; help me! They have almost made an end of me, but I have not forsaken Your precepts.

Have mercy on Your servant. (as above)

In Your steadfast love spare my life, that I may keep the commandments of Your mouth. Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in heaven. Your truth endures to all generations. You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Have mercy on Your servant. (as above)