

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 believed in Your word. I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, and that in Your faithfulness You have afflicted me.

Refrain:

Musical notation for the refrain: **Have mercy on Your servant.** The notation is in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of two staves. The melody is on the treble clef staff, and the bass line is on the bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A note on the first staff is marked "(Priest's note)".

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, O Lord, 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, and I have 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 on earth, 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)