

Appendix B The Second Stasis

(Psalm 119:72-131)

Priest: The law of Thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. Thy hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Thy commandments. (vs. 72-73)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

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Priest: Those who fear Thee shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in Thy word.
I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that in faithfulness Thou hast afflicted me. (vs. 74-75)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: Let Thy steadfast love be ready to comfort me according to Thy promise to Thy servant.
Let Thy mercy come to me, that I may live; for Thy law is my delight.
Let the godless be put to shame, because they have subverted me with guile; as for me, I will meditate on Thy precepts. (vs. 76-78)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: Let those who fear thee turn to me, that they may know Thy testimonies.
May my heart be blameless in Thy statutes, that I may not be put to shame!
(vs. 79-80)

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Priest: My soul languishes for Thy salvation; I hope in Thy word.
My eyes fail with watching for Thy promise; I ask, “When wilt Thou
comfort me?”
For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten
Thy statutes. (vs. 80-83)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: How long must Thy servant endure? When wilt Thou judge those who
persecute me?
Godless men have dug pitfalls for me, men who do not conform to Thy law.
All Thy commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me!
(vs. 84-86)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: They have almost made an end of me on earth; but I have not forsaken
Thy precepts.
In Thy steadfast love spare my life, that I may keep the testimonies of Thy
mouth. (vs. 87-88)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: For ever, O Lord, Thy word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Thy faithfulness endures to all generations; Thou hast established the earth,
and it stands fast.
By Thy appointment they stand this day; for all things are Thy servants. (vs. 89-91)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: If Thy law had not been my delight, I should have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget Thy precepts; for by them Thou hast given me life.
I am Thine, save me; for I have sought Thy precepts. (vs. 92-94)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

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Priest: The wicked lie in wait to destroy me; but I consider Thy testimonies.
I have seen a limit to all perfection, but Thy commandment is exceedingly
broad. (vs. 95-96)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: Oh, how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.
Thy commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.
I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Thy testimonies are my
meditation. (vs. 97-99)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: I understand more than the aged, for I keep Thy precepts.
I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep Thy word.
I do not turn aside from Thy ordinances, for Thou hast taught me. (vs. 100-102)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: How sweet are Thy words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through Thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.
Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (vs. 103-105)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe Thy righteous ordinances.
I am sorely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to Thy word!
Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me Thy ordinances.
(vs. 106-108)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

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Priest: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget Thy law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from Thy precepts.
Thy testimonies are my heritage for ever; yea, they are the joy of my heart.
(vs. 109-111)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: I incline my heart to perform Thy statutes for ever, to the end.
I hate double-minded men, but I love Thy law.
Thou art my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Thy word. (vs. 112-114)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of
my God.
Uphold me according to Thy promise, that I may live, and let me not be put
to shame in my hope!
Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for Thy statutes continually!
(vs. 115-117)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: Thou dost spurn all who go astray from Thy statutes; yea, their cunning is
in vain.
All the wicked of the earth Thou dost count as dross; therefore I love Thy
testimonies.
My flesh trembles for fear of Thee, and I am afraid of Thy judgments.
(vs. 118-120)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors.
Be surety for Thy servant for good; let not the godless oppress me.
My eyes fail with watching for Thy salvation, and for the fulfilment of Thy
righteous promise. (vs. 121-123)

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Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: I deal with Thy servant according to Thy steadfast love, and teach me Thy statutes.
I am Thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know Thy testimonies!
(vs. 124-125)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: It is time for the Lord to act, for Thy law has been broken.
Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold, above fine gold.
Therefore I direct my steps by all Thy precepts; I hate every false way.
(vs. 126-128)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of Thy words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
With open mouth I pant, because I long for Thy commandments. (vs. 129-131)

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*

Priest: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: *Have mercy upon Thy servant.*