

Appendix C The Third Stasis

(Psalm 119:132-176)

Priest: Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is Thy wont toward those who love Thy name.
Keep steady my steps according to Thy promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. *(vs. 132-133)*

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep Thy precepts.
Make Thy face shine upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears, because men do not keep Thy law.
(vs. 134-136)

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and right are Thy judgments.
Thou hast appointed Thy testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget Thy words. *(vs. 137-139)*

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: Thy promise is well tried, and Thy servant loves it.
I am small and despised, yet I do not forget Thy precepts.
Thy righteousness is righteous for ever, and Thy law is true. *(vs. 140-142)*

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Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but Thy commandments are my delight.
Thy testimonies are righteous for ever; give me understanding that I may live. *(vs. 143-144)*

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord! I will keep Thy statutes. I cry to Thee; save me, that I may observe Thy testimonies.
I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Thy words. *(vs. 145-147)*

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate upon Thy promise.
Hear my voice in Thy steadfast love; O Lord, in Thy justice preserve my life. They draw near who persecute me with evil purpose; they are far from Thy law. *(vs. 148-150)*

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: But thou art near, O Lord, and all Thy commandments are true. Long have I known from Thy testimonies that Thou hast founded them for ever. Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget Thy law. *(vs. 151-153)*

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to Thy promise! Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek Thy statutes. Great is Thy mercy, O Lord; give me life according to Thy justice. *(vs. 154-156)*

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from Thy testimonies.
I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep Thy commands. Consider how I love Thy precepts! Preserve my life according to Thy steadfast love. (vs. 157-159)

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: The sum of Thy word is truth; and every one of Thy righteous ordinances endures for ever.
Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of Thy words. I rejoice at Thy word like one who finds great spoil. (vs. 160-162)

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love Thy law.
Seven times a day I praise Thee for Thy righteous ordinances.
Great peace have those who love Thy law; nothing can make them stumble. (vs. 163-165)

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: I hope for Thy salvation, O Lord, and I do Thy commandments.
My soul keeps Thy testimonies; I love them exceedingly.
I keep Thy precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before Thee. (vs. 166-168)

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: Let my cry come before Thee, O Lord; give me understanding according to Thy word!
Let my supplication come before Thee; deliver me according to Thy word. (vs. 169-170)

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Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: My lips will pour forth praise that Thou dost teach me Thy statutes.
My tongue will sing of Thy word, for all Thy commandments are right.
Let Thy hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Thy precepts. (vs. 170-173)

Choir: *Alleluia.*

Priest: I long for Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy law is my delight.
Let me live, that I may praise Thee, and let Thy ordinances help me.
I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy
commandments. (vs. 174-176)

Choir: *Alleluia.*

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

Choir: *Alleluia.*

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

Choir: *Alleluia.*