

A PSALM FOR LATE LENT

Psalm 130: 1-6, 7, 8

March 13, 2002

All make the sign of the cross.

LEADER Behold! Now is the acceptable time!

ALL Now is the day of salvation!

LEADER From a sea of troubles,
I call out to you, LORD.

**ALL Won't you please listen
as I beg for mercy?**

SIDE B If you kept a record of our sins,
no one could last long.

SIDE A But you forgive us,
and so we will worship you.

SIDE B With all my heart,
I am waiting, LORD, for you!
I trust your promises.

SIDE A I wait for you more eagerly
than a soldier on guard duty
waits for the dawn.

SIDE B Israel, trust the LORD!
He is always merciful.

SIDE A Israel, the LORD will save you
from all your sins.

LEADER From a sea of troubles,
I call out to you, LORD.

**ALL Won't you please listen
As I beg for mercy?**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be for ever. Amen.**

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 19: 13-15*

CLOSING:

LEADER: During Lent God invites us
to be renewed in our thoughts and actions
and to open our hearts to others.

LEADER: Lord, be with those who believe in you.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: Christ, be with those who take up their cross.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

LEADER: Lord, be with those who wait for resurrection.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: Let us pray with the words that Jesus taught us:

ALL: Our Father . . .