

A PSALM FOR EARLY LENT

The Canticle of Mary, Luke 1: 46-50, 53-54

February 27, 2002

All make the sign of the cross.

LEADER I acclaim the greatness of the Lord.

ALL I delight in God my savior.

SIDE A Truly from this day on
all ages will call me blest.
For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.

SIDE B Holy the name of the Lord!
whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

SIDE A The Lord fills the starving
and lets the rich go hungry.

SIDE B God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

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LEADER (*Hold out one hand toward everyone in blessing and say*)

May the almighty and merciful God
Bless and protect us

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READING: *James 5: 13-16*

CLOSING:

LEADER: Receive Lent with gladness, O people!

Let us all say:

LEADER: Be strong, and turn your life toward God.

ALL: Be strong, and turn your life toward God.

LEADER: Merciful God,

as your loving children,

we are eager to do what is right.

Send your Holy Spirit to live with us

and to fill us with your light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

ALL: Our Father . . .