

Lent Devotion for Friday, March 31

# Psalm 130

## PATIENT WAITING

*“I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord...”*

In a few days' time we will celebrate Jesus' Triumphal Entry into the Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week. Lent is a time to prepare our hearts for what is to come and to repent. Whether that's true for you of the past month or not, God is ready to forgive fully. It's not too late to recenter your heart and intention on the Lord. Just as the psalmist says, “Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord,” so too the Lord is waiting and ready for us to cry out and repent so that we can experience his unfailing love and full redemption.

The psalmist says that with the Lord “there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve” him. What is keeping us from waiting on him? Say it out loud, release it, be redeemed fully, experiencing his love that doesn't hold back, harbor resentment, or hold grudges.

Romans 8:24-25 says, “For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.” This is how we wait on the Lord. We put our hope in him by meditating on his word. This time of waiting is patient, but not passive. It fills us with the Spirit that makes it possible to persevere in God's strength, filled with joy. This is how we can rejoice this Palm Sunday, even while knowing what is to come the next week.

*Lord, may we be fully transparent with you so that we may be fully redeemed by your love and forgiveness, enabled to serve you with joy, filled with the Holy Spirit. Amen.*