

An Evening of Worship & Lament

Responsive Readings & Worship Song Lyrics

Lament

Psalm 77:1-9

LEADER: I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. I sought the Lord in my day of trouble. My hands were continually lifted up all night long; I refused to be comforted.

PEOPLE: I think of God.

LEADER: I groan. I meditate.

PEOPLE: My spirit becomes weak. Selah (brief pause)

LEADER: You have kept us from closing our eyes.

PEOPLE: We are troubled and cannot speak. We consider days of old, years long past.

LEADER: At night I remember my music; I meditate in my heart, and my spirit ponders. "Will the Lord reject forever and never again show favor?"

PEOPLE: Has his faithful love ceased forever?

LEADER: Is his promise at an end for all generations?

PEOPLE: Has God forgotten to be gracious?

LEADER: Has he in anger withheld his compassion?" Selah (brief pause)

Confession & Repentance

1 John 1:8-10

LEADER: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Individual Prayer of Confession & Repentance

Psalm 51:1-5, 10-12

ALL TOGETHER:

Be gracious to me, God, according to your faithful love; according to your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion.

Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me. Against you— you alone— I have sinned and done this evil in your sight.

So you are right when you pass sentence; you are blameless when you judge. Indeed, I was guilty when I was born; I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

SILENCE

ALL TOGETHER:

God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore the joy of your salvation to me, and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit.

Prayer of Corporate Confession & Repentance

ALL TOGETHER:

Most merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

At times we have been fearful. Fearful of the future. Fearful of others. Fearful of loss. We have not trusted You.

At times we have lacked love and compassion and have not followed you in gentleness, grace and mercy.

We have sinned in our anger toward others and have pointed the finger of blame.

We have been prideful, thinking better of ourselves than we ought.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Prayer of Surrender and Hope

Psalm 46

LEADER: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**PEOPLE: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah (pause)**

LEADER: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**PEOPLE: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah (pause)**

LEADER: Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**PEOPLE: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

LEADER: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

**PEOPLE: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah (pause)**

The Lord's Prayer

**ALL TOGETHER:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by your name.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgiveness us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil,
for yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

MAKE ROOM

Verse 1

Here is where I lay it down
Every burden every crown
This is my surrender
This is my surrender
Here is where I lay it down
Every lie and every doubt
This is my surrender

Chorus

And I will make room for you
To do whatever you want to
To do whatever you want to

Bridge

Shake up the ground of all my tradition
Break down the walls of all my religion
Your way is better
Your way is better

Verse 2

Here is where I lay it down
You are all I'm chasing now
This is my surrender
This is my surrender
Here is where I lay it down
Every lie and every doubt
This is my surrender

CREATE ME IN A CLEAN HEART

Verse

Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me

Chorus

Cast me not away
From thy presence oh Lord
And take not thine holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

ABIDE WITH ME

Verse 1

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me

Verse 2

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

Verse 3

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

Verse 4

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the
skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee
In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me
Abide with me, abide with me

BREATHE

Verse 1

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence, living in me

Verse 2

This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word, spoken to me

Chorus

And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,
they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime
and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses
above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and
to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside

OCEANS

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear
surrounds me
You've never failed
and You won't start now

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is
without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could
ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your Name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine