

Easter Garden

To celebrate, honor and remember

Worship, Music and Arts Committee invites you to honor loved ones, both living and passed, with sanctuary flowers for the Easter service.

This year we are pleased to have choices of flowers for the garden. You can pick up your flower after Easter service, or during office hours Mon through Wed. **Last day to order is March 23.**

Given by _____
Phone # _____

Please circle one:

In Celebration of In Honor of In Memory of
Name(s)

Indicate HOW MANY of each plant you would like.

Lily _____

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These are \$16.00 per plant OR 2 for \$28

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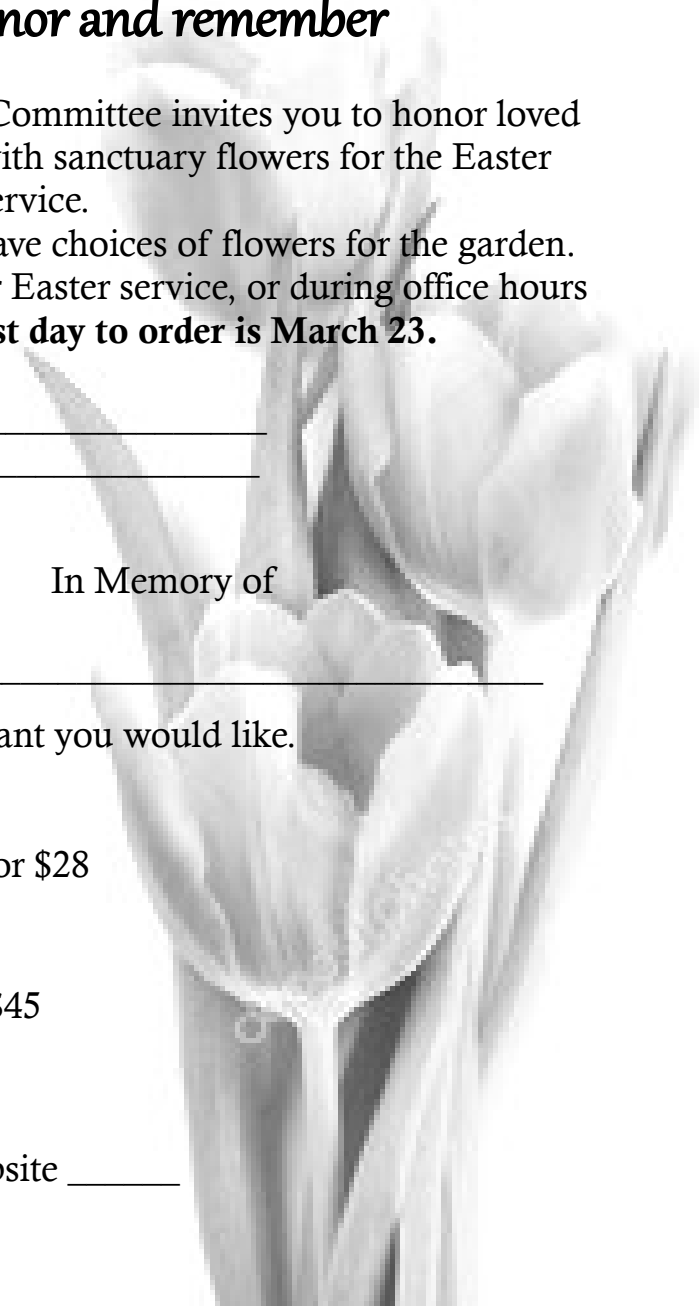
Pansy Bowl (12.5") _____

These are \$26 per plant OR 2 for \$45

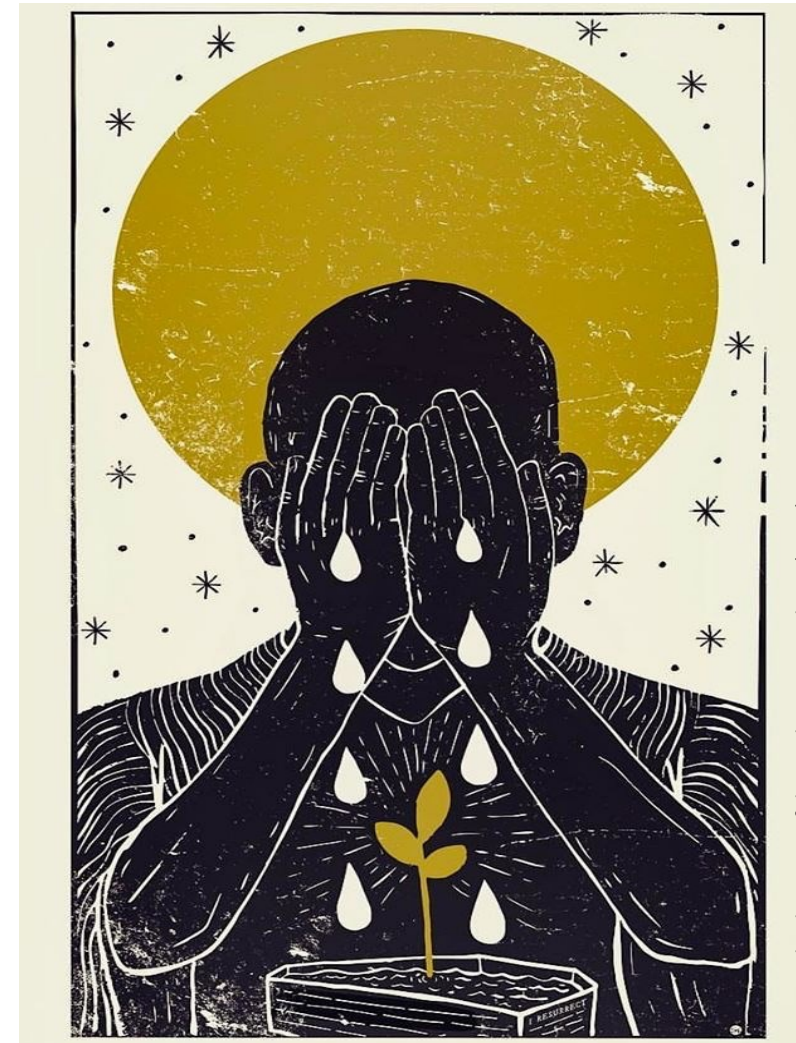
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The Second Sunday In Lent L[am]ent: GROANING



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March 16, 2025

**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**

L[am]ent

A Lenten Journey at Cross of Glory
Join us this Lenten season as we explore the ancient practice--and enduring power--of lament. Through exploring "liturgies of lament" that span time and tradition each Sunday in worship, we will lament the sin and suffering of ourselves and of our world--and through it, will encounter a God who hears our cries.

Gathering

Sunday Worship
9:30 AM

March 9: Fasting

Learning lament from the Desert Fathers & Mothers

March 16: Groaning

Learning lament from the land

March 23: Protest

Learning lament from the Madres de la Plaza

March 30: Singing

Learning lament from the spirituals & the blues

April 6: Gathering

Learning lament from German Political Evensongs

Wednesdays
5:30 PM
Community Meal + Prayer

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kids are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary and prepare to process in with crosses during the first song.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVNESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God † who hears our laments, who laments with us, and who promises that lament is not the end of the story.

All: Amen.

P: Let us take a moment of silence now to confess, repent, and lament our sins in the presence of God and one another...

Silence for reflection and repentance

P: Gracious God,

A: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

•**Table Talks** - Mark your calendars for March 23 after worship, when we'll gather for our monthly education hour. This month, we look forward to welcoming Rev. Colin Grangaard, pastor at fellow Wildfire church First Lutheran of Crystal, who will be speaking about the geography of the Holy Land and sharing stories of his time living in Israel and Palestine as part of Young Adults in Global Mission.

•**Thrivent Choice Dollars** - The deadline for Thrivent members to designate Choice Dollars is March 31. We invite you to consider directing your Choice Dollars to CoG. To do so, visit Thrivent www.thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836. Thanks for your consideration!

•**Pastoral Care & Visitation** - If you're in need of care, prayer, or conversation, reach out to the office to be connected with the pastor or our Care & Visitation Team. We also invite you to stop by our Community Prayer Wall located just outside the sanctuary.



Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family

Claudia Reitan
Josh Day
Arlene Finke
Kim & John Schoffstall
Lois Tollefsrud
Ardis Fairchild

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

This Lenten season, we also invite you to regularly stop by our Community Prayer Wall, located just outside the sanctuary. Inspired by the wailing wall in Jerusalem, where our Jewish brothers and sisters gather to publicly lament, grieve, and mourn, the Cross of Glory prayer wall seeks to be a place where we can lift our laments before God. You are invited to write a prayer petition--either one that will be shared among the Cross of Glory community in our worship life, or one intended only for God--and place it in the prayer wall. All prayers are prayed for regularly by Pastor Ali. Prayers intended to be shared are lifted up on occasion in worship--the next date being March 30th. We are grateful to Grant Dossett, who crafted this prayer wall in 2021 as part of his Eagle Scout Project.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Fellowship** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

•**L[am]ent:** Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am this Lenten season as we explore the ancient practice--and enduring power--of lament. Through exploring "liturgies of lament" that span time and tradition each Sunday in worship, including fasting, groaning, protest, singing, and gathering, we will lament the sin and suffering of ourselves and of our world--and through it, will encounter a God who hears our cries.

•**Fellowship and Game Day**-The next 55+ afternoon of conversation and games will be March 20th from 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm. Weather permitting. Please bring a friend or relative to join in the fun.

•**Lenten Community Supper + Prayer** - Come at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays for a short time of prayer and a meal in fellowship hall as we journey through this Lenten season together. Thanks to camp families for hosting these meals. And if you have any dietary restrictions, please reach out to the office so we can plan accordingly each week. Thank you!

•**Praying Psalms of Lament** - The book of Psalms gives voice to some of our deepest sorrows and griefs. Throughout Lent, we invite you into a communal spiritual practice of praying a psalm of lament each day. Please help yourself to the devotional resource on the Welcome Desk.

•**Support Kids Heading to Camp Wapo** - Camp youth will be at the front doors after worship with plant sale information for you. 30% of all flowers and 15% of gift cards will be used to support our campers this summer. You can take a card to order at home, or have one of our youth help you order online today! Your support goes a long way to help offset the cost of camp. We will share more info about other upcoming fundraisers this spring!

•**MN FoodShare March Challenge** - Throughout the month of March, CoG is collecting non-perishable food items to share with our neighboring food shelves at CAPI and CEAP here in Brooklyn Center. All donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart near the Welcome Desk. If you'd like to give a monetary donation, you're welcome to do so using an envelope at the Welcome Desk.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

A: Amen.

MUSIC Lord, You Hear the Cry (Lord Have Mercy) Latty

*** Please stand as you are able ***

Verse 1

Lord, you hear the cry
of the widow weeping.
Lord, you hear the cry
of the child ill treated.
Lord, you hear the cry
of the depressed one sinking.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Verse 2

Lord, you hear the sound
of the proud ones laughing.
Lord, you hear the sound
of the childless hoping.
Lord, you hear the sound
of those in debt and struggling.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Chorus

Break the heavens, Lord,
You said the poor are not forgotten.
Let your justice roar
In mighty waves across the earth.
Come and whisper peace,
O God of generous compassion.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Verse 4

Lord, we hear the sound
of your kingdom coming,
Resurrection day
for creation groaning.
Mercy I receive
pouring out in loving.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. (3X)

(continued)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

A: Holy Spirit, when we do not know how to pray as we ought, you intercede with sighs too deep for words. Sigh in us, weep with us, and join our groans with the groans of the land, as together, we await your new creation. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

PSALM OF LAMENT

Psalm 6



Lord, do not rebuke me | in your anger;
do not punish me | in your wrath.

**Have pity on me, Lord, for | I am weak;
heal me, Lord, for my bones | quake in terror.**

My spirit quakes in | awful terror;
how long, O | Lord, how long?

**Turn, O Lord, and de- | liver me;
save me for the sake of your | steadfast love.**

For in death no one re- | members you;
and who will give you thanks | in the grave?

**I grow weary because | of my groaning;
every night I drench my pillow and flood my | bed with tears.**

My eyes are wast- | ed with grief
and worn away because of | all my enemies.

**Depart from me, all | evildoers,
for the Lord has heard the sound | of my weeping.**

The Lord has heard my | supplication;
the Lord ac- | cepts my prayer.

**All my enemies shall be confounded and | quake with fear;
They shall turn back and suddenly be | put to shame.**

SILENCE

*** You're invited into a time of silent prayerful reflection. ***

MUSIC CREDITS

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MUSIC **Before the Waters Nourished Earth** **#1049**

Verse 1
Before the waters nourished earth
or night imagined morning,
a Love conceived the universe
and reveled in its forming.

Verse 2
This Love remained as time
revealed
the loss of Eden's glory
and, grieving, holds in memory
each tragic human story.

Verse 3
Despair, so deep it bears no name,
or sorrows paralyzing
cannot revoke Love's faithful claim
to dwell within our dying.

Verse 4
The Love that called creation good
all goodness still is bringing.
This Love turns death again to life
and silence into singing.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please turn to face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

**ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
By paths as yet untrodden,
Through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage.
Not knowing where we go,
But only that your hand is leading us,
And your love supporting us,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

FIRST READING **Hosea 4:1-3**

Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel;
for the Lord has an indictment against the inhabitants of the land.
There is no faithfulness or loyalty,
and no knowledge of God in the land.
Swearing, lying, and murder,
and stealing and adultery break out;
bloodshed follows bloodshed.
Therefore the land mourns,
and all who live in it languish;
together with the wild animals
and the birds of the air,
even the fish of the sea are perishing.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SILENCE

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CHOIR ANTHEM **Lord Jesus, Think on Me** **Psalter/Hamill**

*Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.
Lord Jesus, think on me, with care and woe oppressed;
Let me Thy loving servant be, and taste Thy promised rest.
Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery be Thou my health and life.
Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity point Thou the heav'nly way.
Lord Jesus, think on me, when flows the tempest high;
When on doth rush the enemy O Savior be Thou nigh.
Lord Jesus, think on me, that when the flood is past;
I may the eternal brightness see, and share Thy joy at last.*

CHILDRENS SERMON

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-26

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SILENCE

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REFLECTION I

QUESTIONS FOR PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

- What is the earth groaning for?
- How might we lament with the land this Lent?

REFLECTION II

MUSIC

Is He Worthy?

Peterson/ Shive

Verse 1

L: Do you feel the world is broken?

All: We do.

L: Do you feel the shadows deepen?

All: We do.

L: But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting

through?

All: We do.

L: Do you wish that you
could see it all made new?

All: We do.

Chorus

And God will delight
when we welcome
all to the table,

With joy, compassion
and peace.

Yes, God will delight
when we welcome
all to the table,

With justice and joy!

Verse 2

For young and for old,
a place at the table,

a voice to be heard,

a part in the song,

The hands of a child

in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old,
the gift to belong. *(Chorus)*

Verse 3

For everyone born,
a place at the table,

to live without fear,

and simply to be,

To work, to speak out,

To witness and worship,

For everyone born,

The gift to be free. *(Chorus)*

Ending

With justice and joy!

With justice and joy!

With justice and joy!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Generous Host,

Even as we fast, you prepare for us a feast.

Even as we weep, you offer us joy.

Even as we lament, you nourish us for the journey.

Filled with the gift of your body, send us now to set tables of hospitality and love in our communities, that we might become your body, for the sake of an aching world.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** Kids are invited to meet at the front of the sanctuary and prepare to recess with crosses***

HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshipping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free option available), and wine from the second server (grape juice option available). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.

P: The body of Christ is given for you.

The blood of Christ is shed for you.

All: Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC We Cry "Abba, Abba, Hear Us" #1072

(Sung to the tune of "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #490)

Verse 1

We cry "Abba, Abba, hear us."
Our God's Spirit cries in us.
Calls us all beloved children,
Heirs of God most high.

All creation groans,
from deep within the earth,
For God's glory soon revealed.

Verse 2

We cry with the whole creation,
Groaning as in childbirth.
Soon all sin and death
will be finished.
Soon the promised

freedom shall come.
All creation groans,
from deep within the earth,
For God's glory soon revealed.

Verse 3

As we pray,
deep sighs has the Spirit,
Sighs far too deep for words.
God who knows our hearts
and our minds,
Hears all our fervent prayers.
All creation groans,
from deep within the earth,
For God's glory soon revealed.

MUSIC For Everyone Born Mann

Verse 1

For everyone born,
a place at the table,
for everyone born,
clean water and bread,

a shelter, a space,
a safe place for growing,
for everyone born,
a star overhead.

Verse 2

L: Is all creation groaning?

All: It is.

L: Is a new creation coming?

All: It is.

L: Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst?

All: It is.

L: Is it good that we
remind ourselves of this?

All: It is.

Chorus

All: Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

**Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?**

**All: The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave.**

L: Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and
glory?

Is He worthy of this?

All: He is.

Verse 3

L: Does the Father truly love us?

All: He does.

L: Does the Spirit move among us?

All: He does.

L: And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves?

All: He does.

L: Does our God intend to dwell
again with us?

All: He does.

Chorus 2

All: Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

**Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave,**

He is David's Root

**And the Lamb who died
From ev'ry people and tribe,**

**every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom**

**And Priests to God
to reign with the Son.**

Is He worthy?

Is He worthy

**Of all blessing and honor and
glory?**

L: Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?

All: He is! He is!

Ending

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is! He is!

He is worthy! He is worthy!

He is!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*** Please stand as you are able ***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*** Please be seated ***

OFFERING

*We invite you to place your offering in the in the plates as they are
passed around, or to make a gift using the QR code provided here.
Thank you for your generosity.*



Apostles Creed

MUSIC

Verse 1

"How long, O God?"
the psalmist cries,
a cry we make our own,
for we are lost, alone, afraid,
and far away from home.

Verse 2

The evil lurks within, without,
it threatens to destroy
the fragile cords that make us one,
that bind our hearts in joy.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

Table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

How Long, O God

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Verse 3

Your grace, O God, seems far away;
will healing ever come?
Our broken lives lie broken still;
will night give way to dawn?

Verse 4

How can we hope?
How can we sing?
O God, set free our voice
to name the sorrows, name the pain,
that we might yet rejoice.