

The Church's Lament

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Key: F
Song Flow: R,1,R,2,R,3,R,E
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R

Refrain:

Dm C G/B
God of mercy! God of love!
A#Maj7 A7 Dm
Hear our sad repenting songs;
Dm C G/B
Listen to your humble saints
A#Maj7 A7 Dm
For to you all grace belongs.

1

Verse 1:

F G Dm
Crimes and faults and laziness;
F G A
Talents wasted, time misspent;
A#Maj7 Dm G F Dm
Hearts corrupted by our worldly cares,
F G A
Filled with selfish discontent.

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Verse 2:

F G Dm
Foolish fears and wrong desires;
F G A
Chasing after what is vain;
A#Maj7 Dm G F Dm
Lips too seldom taught to praise our God,
F G A
Prone to murmur and complain.

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Verse 3:

F G Dm
We are filled with secret sins
F G A
Which before you now we own;
A#Maj7 Dm G F Dm
Humble at your feet we face the ground

F *G* *A*
Seeking pardon from your throne.

E Ending:

Dm *C* *G/B*
God of mercy! God of love!

A#Maj7 *A7* *Dm*
You will hear our humble songs;

Dm *C* *G/B*
Jesus' blood and righteousness-

A#Maj7 *A7* *Dm*
They have covered all our wrongs.