

The Church's Lament

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Song Flow: R,1,R,2,R,3,R,E
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R Refrain:
God of mercy! God of love!
Hear our sad repenting songs;
Listen to your humble saints
For to you all grace belongs.

1 Verse 1:
Crimes and faults and laziness;
Talents wasted, time misspent;
Hearts corrupted by our worldly cares,
Filled with selfish discontent.

2 Verse 2:
Foolish fears and wrong desires;
Chasing after what is vain;
Lips too seldom taught to praise our God,
Prone to murmur and complain.

3 Verse 3:
We are filled with secret sins
Which before you now we own;
Humble at your feet we face the ground
Seeking pardon from your throne.

E Ending:
God of mercy! God of love!
You will hear our humble songs;
Jesus' blood and righteousness-
They have covered all our wrongs.