



# Hymn of the Week

August 11, 2019 • Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## God of Still Waiting

**Text:** Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2000

“This text originated in a reflection on my daily routine, especially on the amount of time I spend waiting for the buses that transport me to and from the office each day. It was profoundly humbling to recognize that human waiting is negligible compared with how patiently God waits for us.

St. 1: In part, this stanza reflects the image of the father in what is usually called the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32) but might more aptly be called the Parable of the Longsuffering Father. The third line is based on Augustine’s famous remark that our hearts are restless until they find rest in God (Confessions I.i.1).

St. 4: The first three lines mirror and summarize the addresses of the preceding stanzas.

–Carl P. Daw, Jr. (from *Gathered for Worship*, © 2006 Hope Publishing Co.)

**Music:** HESYCHIA, Alfred V. Fedak, 2001

This tune’s name, the Greek word *hesychia*, may be translated as stillness, rest, tranquility, or silence. More specifically, it refers to the practice of mystical prayer and ceaseless meditation, especially as practiced by ascetics in the Eastern Orthodox tradition.

**Topics:** Faith, Holy Spirit, Hope, Prayer, Peace (inner),  
Presence of Christ, Rest, Trinity, Trust

**Scripture references:** Luke 15:11–32

### Publications

*God of the Future: New Hymntunes of Alfred V. Fedak* (Selah, 2009)

*More Voices* (United Church of Canada, 2006)

*Selah Songs of Rejoicing* (Selah, 2011)

*Choral setting, “God of Still Waiting,” Alfred V. Fedak* (Selah, 420-149)



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1 God of still wait - ing, God of deep long - ing,  
 2 Spir - it of prom - ise, Spir - it of pur - pose,  
 3 Word who comes to us, Word who lives with us,  
 4 Word true and faith - ful, hope - bring - ing Spir - it,

God of the heart's true rest: hold us in  
 Spir - it of cease - less prayer: bathe us in  
 Word who dis - turbs and heals: si - lence our  
 God of en - fold - ing love: come in your

fath - om - less peace, guard us with  
 life full and free, kin - dle our  
 chat - ter - ing fears, wak - en our  
 full - ness and grace; (guard) work through our

1-3 un - wan - ing love.  
 won - der and hope. lives for your praise.  
 un - con - scious faith.

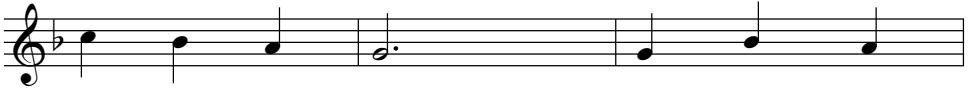
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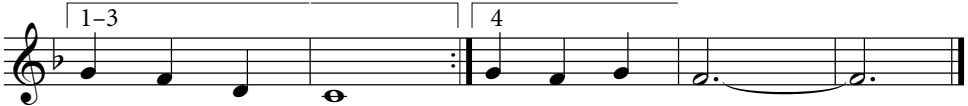
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God of deep longing,  
God of the heart's true rest:  
hold us in fathomless peace,  
guard us with unwaning love.

Spirit of promise,  
Spirit of purpose,  
Spirit of ceaseless prayer:  
bathe us in life full and free,  
kindle our wonder and hope.

Word who comes to us,  
Word who lives with us,  
Word who disturbs and heals:  
silence our chattering fears,  
waken our unconscious faith.

Word true and faithful,  
hope-bringing Spirit,  
God of enfolding love:  
come in your fullness and grace;  
work through our lives for your praise.