



Hymn of the Week

August 25, 2019 • 11th Sunday after Pentecost

O Christ, We Pray for Those Bent Low

Text: Edith Sinclair Downing, 1995, 1996, based on Luke 13:10–17.

“I tried without success to write an intercessory text for those who are homeless. I heard a sermon by Dr. Paul Felper on Luke 13:10–17. He mentioned how often we cast aside marginalized persons. We do not want to even see their faces! We are called to share Christ’s ministry with every person—to show mercy and to do justice. I am grateful to my friend, Sandra T. Gay, for the tune SILENT CRIES.” –Edith Downing

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune.
SILENT CRIES, Sandra T. Gay.

Topics: Grace, Healing and Wholeness, Justice, Peace, Social Concerns

Scripture references: Luke 13:10–17

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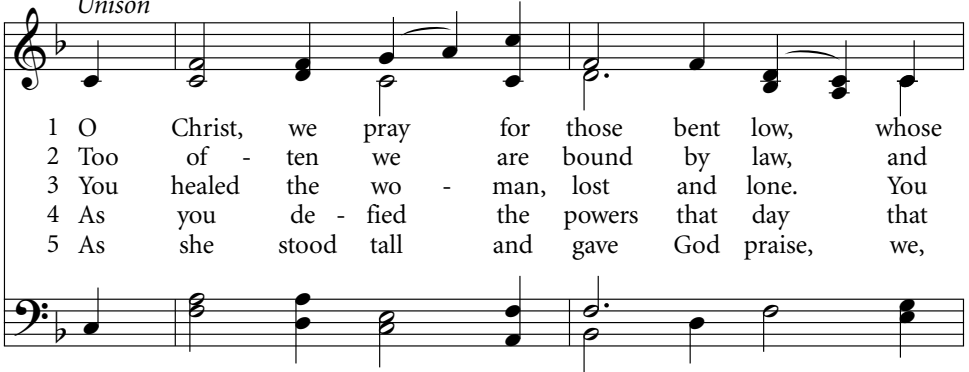


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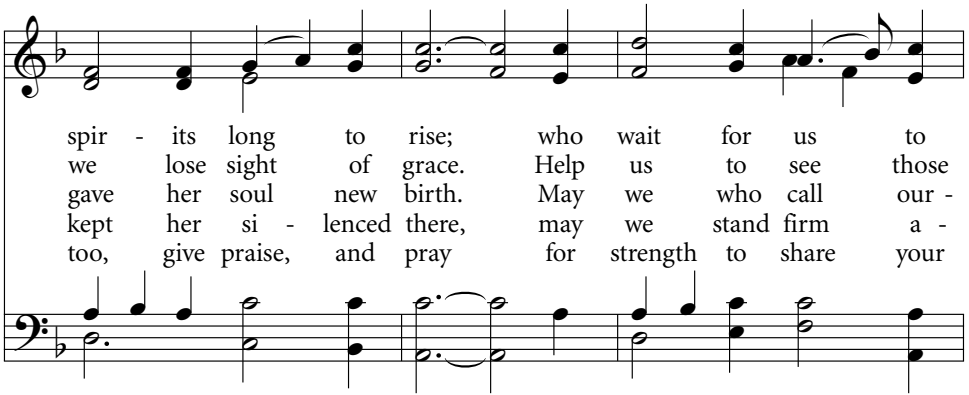
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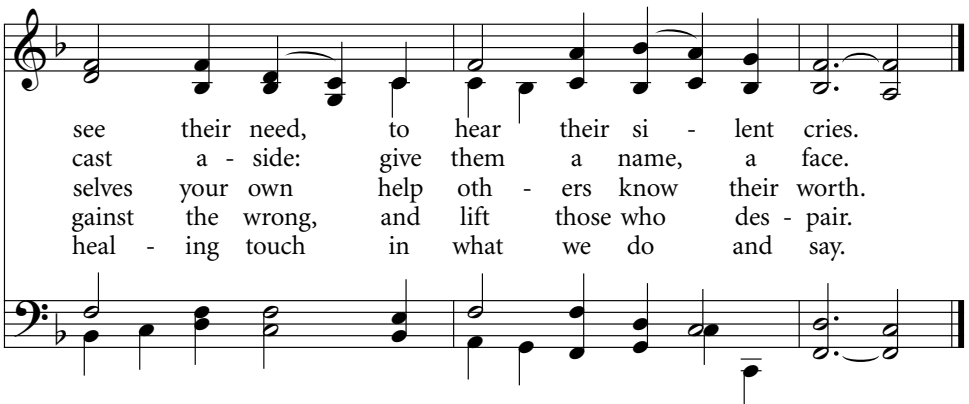
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1 O Christ, we pray for those bent low, whose
 2 Too of - ten we are bound by law, and
 3 You healed the wo - man, lost and lone. You
 4 As you de - fied the powers that day that
 5 As she stood tall and gave God praise, we,



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 against the wrong, and lift those who des - pair.
 heal - ing touch in what we do and say.

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Music: American folk tune; harm. Russell Schulz-Widmar, 1983.

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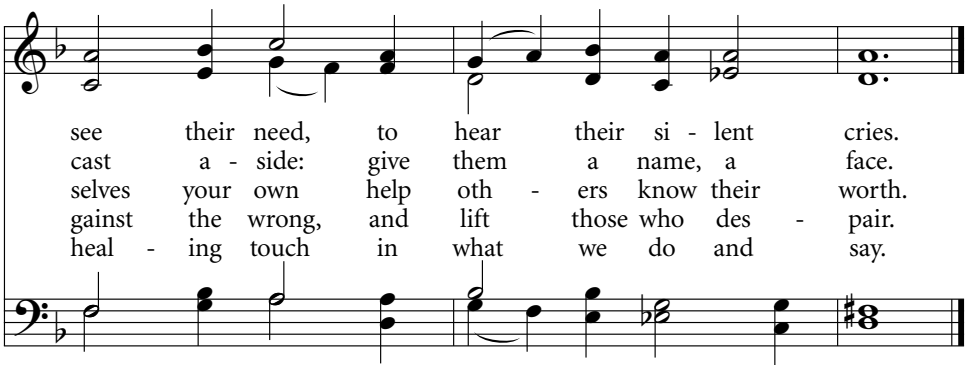
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SILENT CRIES

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O Christ, we pray for those bent low,
whose spirits long to rise;
who wait for us to see their need,
to hear their silent cries.

Too often we are bound by law
and we lose sight of grace.
Help us to see those cast aside:
give them a name, a face.

You healed the woman, lost and lone.
You gave her soul new birth.
May we who call ourselves your own
help others know their worth.

As you defied the powers that day
that kept her silenced there,
may we stand firm against the wrong,
and lift those who despair.

As she stood tall and gave God praise,
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for strength to share your healing touch
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