

## **SERVICE OF LAMENT - Friday 20th November**

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### **SERVICE OUTLINE**

Introduction - creating space for lament: sitting between pain (not in our control) and promise

#### **Invocation**

"I cried out to God"

- Reading 1: Psalm 77:1–2

Song

- Transition: Reading 2: Psalm 77:3-6a

#### **Lament**

Outline of grief (Jo Lewis - 7min)

Outline specific things we lament as led by different people in prepared prayers

- Loss of work - led prayer
  - Silence
- Loss of connection with people - led prayer
  - Silence
- Loss of plans - led prayer
  - Silence
- Loss of life - led prayer
  - Silence

#### **Bold lament to God**

- Reading 3: Psalm 77:7–9

Questioning God - 7min reflection/sermon that pivots into appeal

### **Specific petition**

- Reading 4: Psalm 77:10–12

Ask God. Use messages to take people's requests.

### **Expression of hope**

- Psalm 77:13–20 (largest reading)

Reflect on our reason to hope as we close.

Light a candle of hope

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Songs:

<https://mattsearles.bandcamp.com/album/tumbling-sky-psalms-for-weary-souls>

Alanna Glover sings a couple and of note is 'Weeping is only for the night, in the morning there is Joy'  
(psalm 30)