

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Psalm 61

Unison
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C G¹³ A^m F^{M7} C D^{m11} C^E F C^G G⁷ C C^{sus}_G

1. God, my God, lis - ten to me pray! Lord, You feel so far a - way!
2. Prob - lems mount, fears are mul - ti - plied - Be the place that I can hide.
3. You are here - Fa - ther all a - bove, Je - sus, broth - er, O what love!

C G¹³ A^m F^{M7} C D^{m11} C^E F C^G G⁷ C C^{sus}_G

Bow Your ear. Hear my lit - tle cry. I'm so low, and You so high.
Though a - lone, none to un - der - stand, Moun - tains move at Your com - mand.
Breath of God, pow - er - ful and free, Breath - ing all You are in me.

C G^{m7} C G^{m7} C G⁷_D C^E F⁶ F G

Small and weak, I drown in need. O my God, be God in - deed!
You, O God, are pres - ent peace, Love's em - brace and sweet re - lease.
Though I feel so far a - way, You en - gulf me as I pray.

C G¹³ A^m F^{M7} C D^{m11} C^E F C^G G⁷ C

Might - y Rock, be a rock for me. Be the strength that I can't be.
Trust - ing You, how my soul can sing In the shad - ow of Your wing!
Life and joy, good in all You do, God my Sav - ior, praise to You!

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THREE RAVENS
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TOPICS: Assurance & Comfort; Faith; God's Presence; Lament; Prayer

LEAD-IN: *Hear my cry, O God; Give heed to my prayer.
From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint; Lead me to
the rock that is higher than I.*
(Psalm 61:1-2, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on Psalm 61

Father, I pray desperately,
 pressured and pursued by an urgent need.
But the more desperately I pray,
 the farther away You feel.

I remember, Lord –
I remember the times You answered me and
 met my need.
I knew You did.
 I knew it was You.
I remember the smile of relief and
 the glow of joy
when I realized that You, Almighty God,
 had answered my little prayer.

That memory reminds me to trust You now,
 even when I can't feel You or
 see You acting.
It reminds me that You do not change.
You are always my Father,
 all-knowing and
 all-controlling.
You are always my Brother, Jesus Christ,
 who came from so far away to save me.
You are always the Holy Spirit,
 the Wind of God,
 the Breath of God,
 surrounding me and
 filling me with all You are.

O my God,
even when You feel so far away,
 I am engulfed in You
 completely,
 every moment.
Praise to You!