

STATIONS OF LAMENT

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INTRODUCTION

Lament offers to God the reality of life as we experience it. That experience includes suffering, which comes to us in many ways: illness, poverty, crime, job loss, rejection, depression. **Stations of Lament** is about finding ways to offer to God the reality of our lives: to speak the truth of our existence to God in whose promises we trust even if they seem impossible in our present moment.

In my own explorations of my testimony of my life and the truth of it before God I have been led to use colour, textiles, poetry and shape. These have allowed me to tell the truth, liberating me from the standard core testimony This work has been a deep part of my spiritual journey and recovery from some of the complex and difficult stories of my ministry.

Each station interprets an aspect of lament: each can stand alone but is also a part of the whole, which can be experienced in any order.

(Words are all from Louise's notes accompanying the Stations of Lament.)

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