We Desire You (Psalm 63)

These are the last lyrics that Brother Philip wrote before dying from ALS. The whole theme of desire and such lyrics as, "even our bodies ache for your touch," are given a profound meaning in the hope of his and our resurrection.

We desire you, O you who desire us. Come with the gift of your love.

God our God, we long for you, for life, for bread, and for truth. Even our bodies ache for your touch. Come with the gift of your love.

Your love is richer than life itself, our longing you touch with your peace. Our lips will sing a psalm of praise. Our hearts still search for your face.

Your mem'ry, O God, fills each night; you come like the wings of the dawn. We trust in you with all we are; your desire holds us fast.

We would gaze on your holy place, to behold you in power and might! Yet you are the gift who wanders with us, your love the fire in the night.

Blessed are you, O Outpouring Love, through Jesus, your desire made flesh, in your Spirit, the Water of Life, our God for evermore.

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