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**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

 Trusting in God’s eternal solidarity, let us pray:

 In the limbo of uncertainty, when all we can do is wait –

 With those between paychecks, between jobs, between meals,

 With those in hospital rooms or prison cells

**Ever present Jesus, abide.**

With those who fight to be believed by doctors,

 Who wait for diagnosis, treatment , or results,

And those with long lingering illnesses or other serious conditions,

 **Jesus the Suffering One, abide.**

With those in the closet, and those who’ve just come out,

With those waiting for surgery, or hormone replacement therapy,

Or radical acceptance and love,

 **Queer God, abide.**

With those who are sick of waiting:

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Black communities urged to wait for justice in an onslaught of brutality and intolerance,

And all those who find themselves burning out

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Those whose homes are fractured by violence,

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 **Persecuted Christ, abide.**

And when the in-between becomes permanent

With no going back to how things were,

In our moments of despair at the world’s pain

We cry out, “HOW LONG, O LORD?!”

**Abide with us, Everlasting God. Abide with us.**

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**Hymn: VU 466 Eat this Bread**

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*Come to me and never be hungry.*

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