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Two-part choir, keyboard

Fred Pratt Green, 1967

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*Legato* (♩ = ca. 60)  
Solo reed

*f*

5 *f*

O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to

9 plead \_\_\_\_\_ for friends. How can we fail to be re -

The musical score consists of a piano introduction and two systems of vocal and keyboard parts. The piano introduction is marked *Legato* (♩ = ca. 60) and *Solo reed*. The first system of vocal parts begins at measure 5 with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to". The second system of vocal parts begins at measure 9 with the lyrics: "plead \_\_\_\_\_ for friends. How can we fail to be re -". The keyboard accompaniment is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and provides harmonic support for the vocal parts.

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12

stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?

16

*mf*

From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or

*mf*

20

to \_\_\_\_\_ be freed; \_\_\_\_\_ yet in our hearts we \_\_\_\_\_ would con -

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23

fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.

27

How strong, O Lord, are our de-sires, how weak our knowl-edge

31

of our-selves! Re-lease in us those heal-ing

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5

34

truths un - con-scious pride re - sists or shelves.

38

*f*

In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the

42

world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de - clares our

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6

45

ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

49

Descant (a few sopranos)

Grant we made one in  
Grant that we all, made one in faith, in

52

faith, may find  
your com - mu - ni - ty may find the

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7

55

the whole - - - - - ness of  
whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of

58

hu - - - man - kind.  
hu - - - man - kind.

61

*rit.*

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O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
when reached by love that never ends?

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamour to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health  
We recognize the world's disease;  
Our common life declares our ills:  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
In your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us,  
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

—Fred Pratt Green

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