

# Hymn of the Week

June 23, 2019 • Second Sunday after Pentecost



## Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

**Text:** Michael Perry, 1981

“This hymn was written at Bitterne in 1981. The Jubilate team realized that there was a shortage of hymns about healing. The hymn reflects a pastoral concern for the mentally ill and those who have burdens of anxiety which they cannot share. Words and phrases like “restore my hope,” “bitterness,” “memories of guilt,” are deliberately planted; as is the concept of forgiveness removing bitterness and bringing peace.

The hymn was originally written as “Heal me, hands of Christ.” Norman Warren, when composing the tune SUTTON COMMON to this hymn (for *Hymns for Today’s Church*) asked for an alternative opening line “Heal me, hands of Jesus,” on the grounds that it was an altogether gentler opening for a hymn about Jesus, and better reflected the Gospel narratives of Jesus healing. I agreed, and made the consequent change to the text—especially the last line, “for Jesus brings me peace.” Both texts are now available but, as far as I am aware only the “Jesus” text is in print (USA and UK).—Michael Perry

(from *Singing to God: Hymns and Songs*, © 1995 Hope Publishing Co.)

**Music:** HANDS OF JESUS, Alfred V. Fedak, 1998.

TAYLOR, David Ashley, 1996. Tune named for Walter Taylor, former dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Houston.

**Topics:** Healing, Peace (inner)

**Scriptural Reference:** Matthew 6:12, 8:3, 17:7, 18:21, 19:3; Mark 1:41, 5:27, 8:23, 11:25; Luke 4:40, 5:13, 11:4, 22:51; Ephesians 4:32, Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:13–15; Hebrews 9:14, 22, 10:22; I John 1:7, 3:19

### Publications

*Covenant Hymnal* (The Evangelical Covenant Church, 1997)

*Selah Songs of Rejoicing* (Selah, 2011)

*Sing to Our God New Songs of Rejoicing* (Selah, 2000)

*Sing to the Lord No Threadbare Song* (Selah, 2001)

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*Unison*

1 Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain; re -  
 2 Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way; let  
 3 Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -  
 4 Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
 me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.  
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

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 HANDS OF JESUS

HEALING

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 TAYLOR

# Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

1 Come, join the dance of Tri - ni - ty, be -  
 2 Come, see the face of Tri - ni - ty, new -  
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Tri - ni - ty, as  
 4 With - in the dance of Tri - ni - ty, be -

fore all worlds be - gun— the in - ter - weav - ing  
 born in Beth - le - hem; then blood - ied by a  
 wind and tongues of flame set peo - ple free at  
 fore all worlds be - gun, we sing the prais - es

of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. The  
 crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. The  
 Pen - te - cost to tell the Sa - vior's name. We  
 of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. Let

un - i - verse of space and time did not a - rise by  
 dance of Tri - ni - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and  
 know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it  
 voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set

chance, but as the Three, in love and hope, made  
 bone; when fear con - fines the dance in death, God  
 smooth; go tell the world of weight and woe that  
 free, to shape in song this joy, this life: the

room with - in their dance.  
 rolls a - way the stone.  
 we are free to move!  
 dance of Tri - ni - ty.