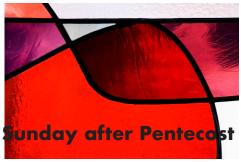
# Hymn of the Week June 23, 2019 • Second Sunday after Pentecost



#### 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)

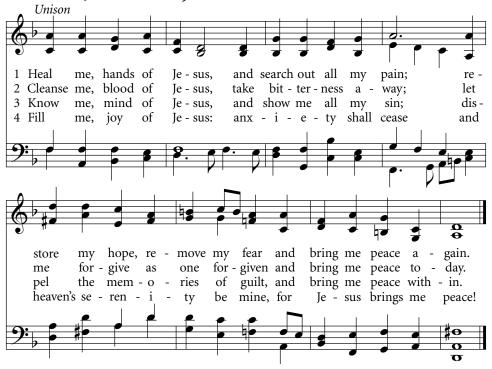
**Scriptural Reference**: Matthew 6:12, 8:3, 17:7, 18:21, 19:3; Mark 1:41, 5:27, 8:23, 11:25; Luke 4:40, 5:13, 11:4, 22:51; Ephesians 4:32, Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:13–15; Hebrews 9:14, 22, 10:22; I John 1:7, 3:19

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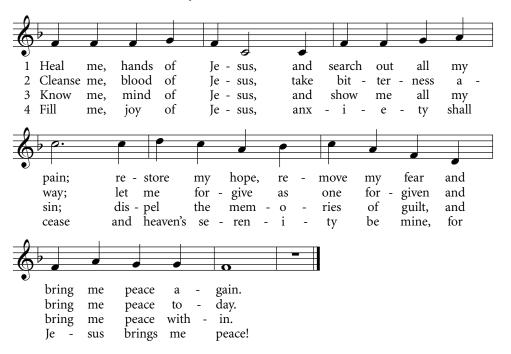
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