

♪♪ Hymn lyrics: ♪♪ for August 16, 2020

Hymns supporting Matthew 15:21-28,

Hymns of Healing

♪ Hymn 1

WE YEARN, O CHRIST, FOR WHOLENESS

1 We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness and for your healing touch;
too long have we felt helpless; our burdens seemed too much.

Forgetting all pretenses we make our pleadings heard,
in hope and expectation await your gracious word.

3 We need your living presence, O Christ of Galilee,
a presence that revives us and sets our spirits free.
No longer are we fearful, your love pervades each place.
Empower us with courage to claim your healing grace.

Words: Dosia Carlson, 1986

Music: Hans Leo Hassler (melody), 1601;

J.S. Bach (harmony), 1719

♪ Organ Meditation

By William Best 1875

With Tallis melody included in the base notes.

♪ Hymn 2

O CHRIST, THE HEALER, WE HAVE COME

1 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?

2 From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed.
Yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

3 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?

4 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach and prosper humankind.

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1967

Music: Thomas Tallis (melody), c. 1567

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