

God Our Healer

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God Our Healer

We brought sickness and death upon ourselves
by pushing Him away,
yet He lavishes His concern upon
every detail of our suffering.
He is

God our Healer.

He designed our bodies to heal themselves of
many of our afflictions –

God our Healer.

He sent His own precious Son
to heal our entire world, bearing
our sicknesses,
our pains,
our wounds,
our death (Isaiah 53:4-5) –

God our Healer.

He continually calls people to
dedicate their lives to
relieving the suffering of others,
then equips them for their life-giving work –

God our Healer.

His promise -- our sure destiny –
is a perfect paradise where
sickness,
infirmity,
suffering, and
death
are forever unknown –

God our Healer.

Father,
I trust my body to
Your hands.
I rest myself completely in
Your perfect power,
Your perfect wisdom, and
Your perfect love.

I know You will make me whole in
Your perfect way and
Your perfect time.
You are
 God our Healer.

Hymn Recording: [Our Healer](#)

Our Healer

TUNE: What Child Is This? (GREENSLEEVES)
 Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:24b-34; Luke 8:42b-48; James 5:14-16

♩ = 100

Em Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G G sus G D D $\sharp^{\circ}7$ Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ B Em

1. We come in need, O car - ing God, With bod - ies weak and bro - ken. We
 2. You know our pain, our deep con - cern. You feel what we are feel - ing. Lord,
 3. In love You tru - ly un - der - stand The need we come here voic - ing. You

Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G G sus G D D $\sharp^{\circ}7$ Em Am B Em

reach in faith to touch Your robe And hear Your heal - ing spo - ken.
 You are rich, un - fad - ing health, Our true, e - ter - nal heal - ing.
 al - ways on - ly give the best, So Lord, we come re - joic - ing!

Refrain
 Bm G D D $\sharp^{\circ}7$ Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ B

Lord, Lord, we trust in You, In all You are and all You do.

Bm G D D $\sharp^{\circ}7$ Em Am B Em

Bold now we bow and ask and Rest in You, Lord Je - sus.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional English Melody; arr. by John Stainer

GREENSLEEVES
 8.7.8.7.w.Ref.

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Genesis 1:26-31

(NASB)

God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every animal of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so. And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:7

(NASB)

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living person.

Acts 17:28

(NASB)

In Him we live and move and exist.

Created for Union with You

You are a Spirit being.

We are material creatures,
animated only by Your breath.

You are without beginning or end,
unlimited by time and space.

We are born and die in the blink of an eye,
forever locked into the here and now.

You are holy –
transcendent and pure in every way.

We are fashioned from earth and for earth,
prisoners of our own evil choices.

You are all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving.

We are ignorant,
weak, and
self-centered.

You are completely self-sufficient,
constantly overflowing.

We are completely and constantly needy, dependent on
food, water, and air,
temperature control,
shelter, relationships, and so much more that is
forever beyond our reach.

We are not self-sufficient and never can be.

We were designed to live in constant, unbroken relationship with You;

You the joyful, all-sufficient Giver,
we the glad and grateful receivers.

Without You, we are unhappy, inadequate,
incomplete, and doomed to die.

With You, we are filled with
glorious, never-ending, ever-flowing life.

We were created to live in You.

*God, we are so completely needy that
we fearfully try to acquire more and more.
We assume that is our greatest good.
But You offer us the riches of being complete in You.*

Hymn Recording: [Created for Union with God](#)

Created for Union with God

TUNE: Jesus Paid It All (ALL TO CHRIST)

Psalm 62:1-2; 123:1-2; Jeremiah 23:23-24; John 14:10; 15:5;
Acts 17:28; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:13

♩ = 66
Unison

C G/B Am⁹ Am A^m/G F⁶ F/G G⁷

1. Un - bound - ed, ho - ly Breath, You flood all time and
2. All - know - ing, might - y God, Pure good - ness ev - er
3. What pov - er - ty with - in! What un - i - mag-ined

C C^{FM7} E/G C G/D C E C F C^{Dm7} E A^{Fm6} A^b C/G C^{sus} G¹³ G⁷

space, While we, so here and now, Are dust and deep dis -
near, We strug - gle, small and lost, All self - ish - ness and
wealth! You bless us with this need To bless us with Your-

Refrain

C C^F E/G C C C^{sus} D E Em E sus FM⁹ FM⁷ D^{m7} G G⁷

grace.
fear. Fa - ther, Source of all, All that we pur - sue,
self.

C C E F D^{m7} C C^{sus} G¹³ G⁷ C

See us, frail and in-com-plete. Our whole - ness, Lord, is You.

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: John T. Grape (1835-1915); arr. by Ken Bible

ALL TO CHRIST
6.6.6.6.w.Ref.

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Genesis 3:13-19

(NASB)

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all the livestock,
And more than any animal of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And dust you shall eat
All the days of your life;
And I will make enemies
Of you and the woman,
And of your offspring and her Descendant;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise Him on the heel."

To the woman He said,

"I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you shall deliver children;
Yet your desire will be for your husband,
And he shall rule over you."

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';

Cursed is the ground because of you;
With hard labor you shall eat from it
All the days of your life.
Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;
Yet you shall eat the plants of the field;
By the sweat of your face
You shall eat bread,
Until you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return."

Ashes to Ashes

*We do not lose heart.
Though outwardly we are wasting away,
yet inwardly we are being renewed
day by day.
(2 Corinthians 4:16, NIV)*

We're all engaged in a battle to
keep our bodies
 healthy and
 attractive.
It is a worthy effort.

But it is a battle we will lose.
Our bodies will decay and die.
It is happening right now.

On the other hand,
that inner core of your life,
 that relationship with God,
 that inner life you share with Him,
can grow more and more healthy
 as time goes by,
 no matter what happens to your body.
That is where your future lies.
That is where you should invest your effort.

Jesus, I look forward to
ever-increasing health in You.

Hymn Recording: [Ashes to Ashes](#)

Ashes to Ashes

Genesis 3:19; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Romans 8:11

♩ = 88

C Dm7/C Dm C F/A G9 C F F/A

Ash - es to ash - es, Dust to dust- This flesh is

The first system of music is in 3/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

C C/G G7sus G7 C Dm7/C Dm C

not for - ev - er. Spir - it to Spir - it,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics, and the bass staff has accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

F E Am F C/E F F6

Life to Life- All that You are Is all I will

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics, and the bass staff has accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

Cadd9/E C/E Dm7 B°/D Dm7 Cadd9/G C/G Gsus G7 C

be; Soon, Lord, in You for - ev - er.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has lyrics, and the bass staff has accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

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OKE
Irregular

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Verses on Health and Healing from the Old Testament (NASB)

Be gracious to me, Lord, for I am frail;
Heal me, Lord. (*Psalm 6:2*)

Lord my God,
I cried to You for help, and You healed me.
Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;
You have kept me alive. (*Psalm 30:2-3*)

I am continually with You;
You have taken hold of my right hand.
You will guide me with Your plan,
And afterward receive me to glory.
Whom do I have in heaven but You?
And with You, I desire nothing on earth.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (*Psalm 73:23-26*)

Fools, because of their rebellious way,
And because of their guilty deeds, were afflicted.
Their souls loathed all kinds of food,
And they came close to the gates of death.
Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble;
He saved them from their distresses.
He sent His word and healed them,
And saved them from their destruction.
They shall give thanks to the Lord for His mercy,
And for His wonders to the sons of mankind!
They shall also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And tell of His works with joyful singing. (*Psalm 107:17-22*)

Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed;
Save me and I will be saved,
For You are my praise. (*Jeremiah 17:14*)

For you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings;
and you will go forth and frolic like calves from the stall. (*Malachi 4:2*)

Lament for Sin

In the Garden of Eden, we lived in the home
our loving Father had created for us, a home of
 beauty,
 abundance,
 peace, and
 His immediate personal presence.
We walked with Him there, and
 He lavishly supplied our every need.

But we mistrusted Him and
 broke with Him, the Source of all good.
Together and individually,
 universally and personally,
we are suffering the inevitable result of our separation from Him:
 death,
 pain,
 isolation,
 shame,
 fear,
 foolish pride, and
 endless expressions of brokenness.

See this variety of brokenness in the individuals Jesus encountered:
 the leper,
 the woman at the well,
 the paralytic,
 Nicodemus,
 the woman with the hemorrhage,
 Jairus' daughter.
Watch what He did, and
 rejoice as the Kingdom of God comes to us and
 begins to remove all the root and fruit of sin
 from our hearts,
 from our lives, and
 from all creation.

Hymn Recording: [Lament for Sin](#)

Lament for Sin

Genesis 3:1-19; Psalm 6; 32:1-6; 38; 51:1-13; 130; Romans 3:23

♩ = 76

Unison

$\frac{F_{sus}}{C}$ Fm $\frac{F_m}{A_b}$ Cm Db $\frac{A_b}{C}$ Bbm7 $\frac{C_m7}{G}$ Fm C+ C7 Fm $\frac{F_{sus}}{G}$ $\frac{F_m}{A_b}$ $\frac{D_b}{E_b}$

1. The fruit of e - vil plagues our lives From roots sunk deep with - in. Our
 2. God's pre-cious ones are sick and weak, While fear and death are strong. We
 3. O Liv - ing Christ, our on - ly hope, Our Heal - er, Bro - ther, Lord, We
 4. Heal all the root and fruit of sin. Be - gin our life a - bove. Let

A_b $\frac{A_b}{E_b}$ F sus Fm Bbm7 $\frac{A_b}{C}$ $\frac{B_b m}{D_b}$ Bbm7 C7 C+ C Fm

hearts and minds and bod - ies feel The bro - ken - ness of sin.
 broke with God and made our world A par - a - dise gone wrong.
 long for God! We long to know Our bond with Him re - stored!
 all our be - ings deep - ly breathe The health of ho - ly love.

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 MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

HEALER, MINOR
 C.M.

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Mark 5:21-43

(NASB)

When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and He stayed by the seashore. And one of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came, and upon seeing Him, fell at His feet and pleaded with Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live." And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him.

A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but instead had become worse— after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. For she had been saying to herself, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power from Him had gone out, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. But the woman, fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be cured of your disease."

While He was still speaking, people came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why bother the Teacher further?" But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid, only believe." And He allowed no one to accompany Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the synagogue official, and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing. And after entering, He said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child has not died, but is asleep." And they began laughing at Him. But putting them all outside, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was in bed. And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha, kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). And immediately the girl got up and began to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astonished. And He gave them strict orders that no one was to know about this, and He told them to have something given her to eat.

One by One

Our magnificent God created the entire physical universe
with a word.

His sovereignty is so complete that
He simply expresses His will, and
matter obeys.

When Jesus came,
surely He could have healed the same way.

With just a word He could have healed
an entire village,
an entire nation,
the whole world.

But He did not.
He healed personally,
individually,
one by one.

He healed in many different ways.

Healing was not a technique but
a personal exchange.

He always established personal contact
with the one requesting the healing,
whether with the needy person or
with their representative
(sick people often can't speak for themselves).

From the petitioner, there was
an expression of faith.

Then from Jesus,
a word,
a look,
sometimes a touch – and
a changed life.

Jesus shared the Father's love
person to person,
face to face.

How else could you fully express such a
deep,
personal,
intimate love?

He calls us,
His servants and friends,
to express God's love the same way to
each of His loved ones all around us:
person to person,
one by one.

*Father, help me not to respond to people
by label or category,
but as individuals,
as Your unique creations.*

Hymn Recording: [One by One](#)

One by One

♩ = 120

D_m A_m⁷ D_m $\frac{A_m}{D}$ D_m D_m $\frac{D_{sus}}{E}$ $\frac{D_m}{F}$ G_m G_m⁹ D_m

1. God spoke in - to dark-ness, and worlds came to be. His will in a
 2. He healed with a word, and He healed with a touch. They knew that He
 3. So free - ly re - ceiv - ing, now free - ly we give. He calls and com -

F B_b B_b⁶ B_b^M⁷ A⁷_{sus} A⁷ A D_m $\frac{D_{sus}}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{G}$

word be - came all we can see. But when our Cre - a - tor was
 loved them but nev - er how much Till hang - ing, He suf - fered in
 pels us to love and to live That neigh - bors and na - tions and

A_m A_{sus} A_m B_b^M⁹ B_b B_b^M⁷ D_m $\frac{D_m}{C}$ B_b B_b^M⁷ $\frac{B_b M^7}{A}$ G_m⁹
3rd time rit.

ser - vant and son, He healed all the need - y
 si - lence and blood To par - don us sin - ners
 peo - ples and tongues May know Him and love Him

A⁷_{sus} A_m⁷

1, 2
D _m

 D.C.

3
D _m $\frac{G_m^6}{D}$ D _m D _m ⁷ $\frac{G_m^6}{D}$ $\frac{G_m^6}{D}$ D

One by one.
 One by one.
 One by one.

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Matthew 8:5-13

(NASB)

When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, begging Him, and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, terribly tormented." Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

Now when Jesus heard this, He was amazed and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel. And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; but the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

When I'm Ill

*Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."
(Luke 23:46, NIV)*

When I'm ill,
I want to escape the pain.
I want to escape the weakness and
get back to normal.

I'm frustrated when I cannot.
And when the illness is potentially life-threatening,
it's frightening.
I feel the disease eating away at my life, and
I am powerless to stop it.

When Jesus was on the Cross,
racked with pain and His life ebbing away,
He committed himself entirely into His Father's hands.

That's what I do now, God.
Whatever part of my body is ill,
I put it into Your hands.

Hymn Recording: [We Long for Wholeness](#)

We Long for Wholeness

Isaiah 35:3-10; 61:1-3; Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-43;
 Luke 8:41-56; 2 Corinthians 4:16; Revelation 7:17; 21:1-4

♩ = 96

Unison $\frac{F_{sus}}{C}$ F Am Am7 B \flat $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ B \flat $\frac{A}{C\sharp}$ Dm $\frac{F}{A}$ C13 C7 F $\frac{F_{sus}}{G}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ C13



1. We long for whole-ness, Fa - ther God, For rich and glow-ing health, For
 2. You sent Your Heal - er here to us, Your might - y, lov - ing Son. His
 3. For e - ven as this pass - ing flesh De - cays and falls a - way, Our
 4. Give all Your whole-ness, Liv - ing God, The life at Your com - mand. Our



$\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm7 $\frac{Dm}{B}$ C7 $\frac{Am}{C}$ C F $\frac{F}{C}$ F



all Your per - fect love con - ceived - The rich - es of Your - self.
 prom - ise is our per - fect health - A whole - ness here be - gun.
 in - ner per - son, one with Christ, Grows strong - er day by day.
 bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and hearts A - wait Your heal - ing hand.



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HEALER, MAJOR
 C.M.

Alt. Tune: AZMON
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Luke 5:12-26

(NASB)

While He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." And He reached out with His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him. And He ordered him to tell no one, saying, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

One day He was teaching, and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the Law sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing. And some men were carrying a man on a stretcher who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in and to set him down in front of Him. But when they did not find any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus. And seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." The scribes and the Pharisees began thinking of the implications, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, except God alone?" But Jesus, aware of their thoughts, responded and said to them, "Why are you thinking this way in your hearts? Which is easier, to say: 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher, and go home." And immediately he got up before them, and picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God. And they were all struck with astonishment and began glorifying God. They were also filled with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today!"

The Leper and the Paralytic

Look at them.
Truly see them.

One is a leper.
His disease isolates him from
 absolutely everyone,
 including his own family.

Imagine!
Then imagine being touched for the first time in
 SO long!

And this touch is from the Source of all
 life and love,
 compassion and power.

Just that quick, he is whole
 physically, mentally,
 socially, and spiritually.

Imagine the JOY!

The other man is paralyzed.

The Healer is in town.

 He is right here, right now.

Yet even with the help of four devoted friends,
 the crowd is too thick.

 They cannot get him to Jesus.

But then, emboldened by desperation,
 they take him up onto the roof of the house,
 dig down, and
 lower him right in front of Jesus.

But Jesus doesn't just heal his body.

 He heals him from all his sin.

And just that quick, he is a
 completely new creature in Christ Jesus.

In both cases, simple faith reached out to
 Jesus Christ.

And as always, the result was
 breath-taking newness of life.

Hymn Recording: [The Leper and the Paralytic](#)

The Leper and the Paralytic

Matthew 8:1-4; 9:1-8; Mark 1:40 - 2:12; Luke 5:12-26

♩ = 92

Unison

B \flat F \flat ^{7sus} B \flat F7 B \flat ^{9sus} B \flat B \flat / \bar{A} E \flat / \bar{G} B \flat / \bar{D}

1. See him de - spair - ing; Feel his dis - grace,
 2. Ut - ter - ly help - less, Bound to his bed,
 3. See full sal - va - tion Com - ing to birth.

E \flat B \flat C C^{sus}/ \bar{D} C^{sus}/ \bar{E} F

Shame and re - jec - tion Scar - ring his face.
 Hop - ing for heal - ing, Shut out in - stead;
 Christ is now join - ing Heav - en and earth.

E \flat F F^{sus}/ \bar{C} F G \bar{m} G^{sus}/ \bar{D} G^{sus} E \flat

Then, what a heal - ng com - pas - sion be - stows!
 Now, in the pres - ence of pow - er and grace,
 One with the Fa - ther and one with our need,

E \flat E \flat / \bar{D} C $\bar{m}7$ B \flat / \bar{D} B \flat C $\bar{m}7$ F7 B \flat

Christ and His touch, and now joy o - ver - flows!
 Health and for - give - ness are flood - ing his face!
 Je - sus is here, and we cap - tives are freed!

WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

FULLNESS OF JOY
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John 5:1-16

(NASB)

After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem, by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool which in Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these porticoes lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, limping, or paralyzed. Now a man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. Jesus, upon seeing this man lying there and knowing that he had already been in that condition for a long time, said to him, "Do you want to get well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk.

Now it was a Sabbath on that day. So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is a Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick it up and walk'?" But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away, and informed the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on a Sabbath.

At the Pool of Bethesda

See Him there,
broken,
isolated,
helpless,
wasting his life on false hope,
living in utter futility.
Imagine his despair.

He is us.
Without Christ, we too were
broken,
isolated,
helpless,
wasting our lives on false hope,
living in utter futility.

Imagine such a person, healed
suddenly and
completely.
Imagine him wildly
leaping and
dancing.
Picture his wide-open eyes,
his freedom,
his inexpressible JOY!

Christ has come!
We are healed!
We are whole!
We are FREE!

*Take courage, fear not.
Behold, your God will come...
He will save you.
Then the eyes of those who are blind will be opened,
And the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped.
Then those who limp will leap like a deer,
And the tongue of those who cannot speak will shout for joy.
(Isaiah 35:4-6, NASB)*

Hymn Recording: [At the Pool of Bethesda](#)

At the Pool of Bethesda

John 5:1-15

♩ = 58

Unison

C $\frac{F}{A}$ G⁷_{sus} G⁷ Am F G⁷_{sus} G⁷ C Dm⁷

1. Lam - e and all a - lone, Bro - ken all with - in, Wish - ing I could
 2. See my world re - made. Hear, "Let there be light!" Joy ex - plodes with -

Cadd⁹_E $\frac{C}{E}$ F Dm⁷ E⁷_{sus} E⁷ Am Em F $\frac{C}{E}$ C

change, Help - less to be - gin; Then He came. Can it be -
 in! All is good and right! Who I was Now is past.

F $\frac{Am^7}{E}$ Dm⁷ $\frac{F}{A}$ 1 F Dm⁶ G Fadd⁹_A $\frac{G}{B}$ 2 F Dm⁶ G Fadd⁹_A G 3

Refrain

Might - y Love Touch - ing me! Free at last! This is my
 Christ is here!

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BETHESDA
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C C/E F C G⁶/B Am⁷ C/G F Dm⁷ Dm⁶/F Dm⁶/F

sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day

G Dm⁶/F E⁷ Am C/G F⁶ Cadd⁹/G C/G Am

long. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my

Dm⁷ F⁶ C/G G⁷ 1 C C/G G 2 C

Sav - ior all the day long. This is my long.

Matthew 12:22-29

(NASB)

A demon-possessed man who was blind and unable to speak was brought to Jesus, and He healed him so that the man who was unable to speak talked and could see. And all the crowds were amazed and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?" But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."

And knowing their thoughts, Jesus said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and no city or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan is casting out Satan, he has become divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? And if by Beelzebul I cast out the demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or, how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first ties up the strong man? And then he will plunder his house."

Which Spirit?

The New Testament pictures two different kinds of spirit-filling:

filled with the spirit of evil and
filled with the Spirit of God.

The most extreme form of the spirit of evil is

demon possession,
seen repeatedly in the gospels.

Those individuals are described as helpless captives to
all the worst of human existence:

sickness,
suffering,
self-harm, and
total degradation.

Paul describes the fruits of evil in their more common form:

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, indecent behavior, idolatry, witchcraft, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
(Galatians 5:19-21, NASB)

The gospels also paint a beautiful portrait of a human being
filled with the Spirit of God Himself.

That portrait is

Jesus Christ.

And back in Galatians 5, Paul lists the fruit of that Spirit,
the fruit that grows in the life of every believer:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23, NASB)

Each type of spirit-filling begins small, with either
a heart focus on self, or
a simple faith in God.

But from that small beginning, the tiny seed grows

day by
day by
day.

Paul reminds us of where each is headed:

Do you not know that the one to whom you present yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of that same one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

The wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:16, 23, NASB)

Which spirit do you want to fill your
heart and
life and
home?

Hymn Recording: [Which Spirit?](#)

Which Spirit?

*Psalms 23:4; Matthew 6:13; 12:43-45; Luke 4:33-37;
John 10:10; 17:20-23; Galatians 5:17-25*

♩ = 84

Unison

D B m Em⁷ F#m Gadd⁹ G B m Bm/A

1. E - vil comes with bru - tal force, Crush - ing life,
2. E - vil comes in sweet dis - guise, Twist - ed truth,
3. E - vil calls my heart to fear. But, my God,
4. You are life and pres - ent peace, Glo - rious joy,

G F#⁷ B m G/B D/A D/F# G F#⁷ B m Bm/G

no re - morse. You are love in all You do
dead - ly lies. This, the pleas - ure I pur - sue:
this is clear, This is deep - ly, dai - ly true:
full re - lease! This is heav - en, now in view:

D/A B sus B m Em/A Em⁷/A D D/A D

Here in me, and I in You.
You in me, and I in You.
You in me, and I in You.
You in me, and I in You.

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WHICH SPIRIT?
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Mark 5:1-20

(NASB)

They came to the other side of the sea, into the region of the Gerasenes.

When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him. He lived among the tombs; and no one was able to bind him anymore, not even with a chain, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces; and no one was strong enough to subdue him. Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and cutting himself with stones.

Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "What business do You have with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" For He had already been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he said to Him, "My name is Legion, for we are many." And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the region.

Now there was a large herd of pigs feeding nearby on the mountain. And the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us into the pigs so that we may enter them." Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the pigs; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea.

Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the countryside. And the people came to see what it was that had happened. And then they came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had previously had the "legion"; and they became frightened. Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the pigs. And they began to beg Him to leave their region. And as He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was begging Him that he might accompany Him. And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

More

Now to him who is able to do I measurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)

Jesus, I am finding You
more than a promise,
more than a hope,
more than a thought.

You are
more than I have let You be,
more than I can imagine You to be,
more than all the dreams
that have cluttered by mind.

You are all the "more"
of my restless desires,
all the "more"
of God's restless love for me,
all the "more" of eternity,
ever here, ever flowing,
ever full, yet ever growing,
ever satisfying and
ever surprising.

Jesus,
to You be all my love and trust,
all my hungering and hoping,
all my living and rejoicing and aspiring,
look by look, Lord,
more and more.

*All the beautiful qualities of Jesus Christ
are yours if you
want and
ask.
Don't waste your life desiring
anything else.*

Hymn Recording: [Beyond Imagination](#)

Beyond Imagination

TUNE: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ST. ANNE)
Psalm 34:8; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 3:14-21

♩ = 84

C C F C/E Am Dm⁷/F G C Am Em Am/C D G

1. Lord God, be - yond our thoughts and prayers, Be - yond all we can see,
 2. His pres - ence bears de - li - cious fruit From gar - dens all a - bove.
 3. With - in this life of flesh and blood, A life more deep and broad,
 4. Lord God, be - yond all we can do Your bless - ing is re - stored:

G C F Dm G C FM⁷ Dm⁷/F E C/E Dm C Dm⁷/F G⁷ C

Your Spir - it grows with - in our hearts A new re - al - i - ty.
 We taste and see that You are good And glad - ly trust Your love.
 A bound - less life, a life com - plete: The full - ness of our God!
 We breathe the heart, the life and love Of Je - sus Christ our Lord!

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 MUSIC: William Croft

ST. ANNE
 C.M.

Alt. Tune: AZMON

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Acts 3:1-10

(NASB)

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. And a man who had been unable to walk from birth was being carried, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order for him to beg for charitable gifts from those entering the temple grounds.

When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple grounds, he began asking to receive a charitable gift. But Peter, along with John, looked at him intently and said, "Look at us!" And he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

But Peter said, "I do not have silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!" And grasping him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

And all the people saw him walking and praising God; and they recognized him as being the very one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg for charitable gifts, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Holy Spirit in Acts

As you read the many
fascinating,
surprising,
challenging stories in the book of Acts,
don't miss the big picture.

Acts is a sweeping panorama of the Holy Spirit –
the Spirit of the transcendent Father,
the very Life of the incarnate Christ.

We watch as His resurrection power
grows God's people and
grows in God's people,
calling, cleansing,
uniting, empowering,
equipping, emboldening,
guiding, teaching, and
filling them completely.

Though God's people remain
thoroughly human,
the Holy Spirit enables them to
know what they couldn't otherwise know and
do what they couldn't otherwise do.

He still does –
for all those who
simply trust Him.

*Be sure of this:
though our society is lost in the darkness, and
even the organized church seems to wander,
God's Spirit continues to do
God's work through
God's people.
God's purpose,
God's Kingdom,
is NEVER derailed.*

Hymn Recording: [Almighty Life](#)

Almighty Life

The Holy Spirit in Acts

TUNE: The Streets of Laredo (alt.)

♩ = 112

C7 F F^{sus} F C7 C C7 F $\frac{C7}{F}$ F C C7

1. Al - might - y the life of our ris - en Re - deem - er! Al -
2. Your glo - ry, Your pres - ence, Your pow - er for serv - ice, Your
3. You call and e - quip us, You grow us to - geth - er, Now

F $\frac{EM7}{G}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ C $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F $\frac{C7}{F}$ F C C7

might - y the Spir - it of Je - sus out - poured! The
con - fi - dent bold - ness through life and through death, Your
lead - ing, now teach - ing, now form - ing each one. You

F F^{sus} F C7 C C7 F $\frac{C7}{F}$ F C C7

wind and the fire are the fruit of His prom - ise, The
love and Your glad - ness, Your wide - o - pen giv - ing, The
help us to know what is far be - yond know - ing: The

F $\frac{EM7}{G}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F $\frac{F}{C}$ F

sign, the as - sur - ance, the proof He is Lord.
won - der, the beau - ty of breath - ing Your breath -
life and the love of the Fa - ther and Son.

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

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Refrain

B \flat B \flat / \overline{D} C $\overline{7}$ / \overline{E} F F sus F C/ \overline{E} C $\overline{7}$ / \overline{E} F E/ \overline{C} C C $\overline{7}$

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,

B \flat E/ \overline{A} F G $\text{m}7$ B \flat M $\overline{7}$ / \overline{C} C $\overline{7}$ F

Fill ev - 'ry per - son with all that You are!

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

(NASB)

Because of the extraordinary greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might leave me.

And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in distresses, in persecutions, in difficulties, in behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Are You Praying for Healing?

Are you praying for healing?

Understand this:

As a believer, complete and eternal health is your sure destiny.

It is the sure destiny of all the redeemed.

You WILL be healed completely and forever.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain.

(Revelation 21:4, NASB)

Any healing you receive in this life is partial and temporary.

One ailment is taken away, but all the others remain.

And if the Lord tarries, this body will eventually die.

But your rich, eternal life in God has already begun.

We do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner person is being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16, NASB)

So continue to bring all your needs to your loving Father,
including your need for healing.

But trust His how and when.

His healing will come in His way and time.

And throughout the Bible,

God seems to prefer to do His work through His creatures,
so take advantage of the treatments He provides
through modern medicine.

Then whatever the health of your physical body,
enjoy your eternal life in Him.

It has already begun and

will continue uninterrupted forever and ever.

*Loving Father,
I long for Your healing, and
I ask You for it.
But give it
in Your perfect way,
in Your perfect time, and
for Your glory.*

Hymn Recording: [Eternal Health](#)

Eternal Health

TUNE: Breathe on Me, Breath of God (TRENTHAM)

Psalm 31:14-15; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 23:46;

2 Corinthians 4:16; Revelation 7:17; 21:4

♩ = 88

$E\flat$ $E\flat$ add⁹ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $\frac{A\flat}{E\flat}$ $\frac{A\flat m}{F}$ $E\flat$ $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ $\frac{E\flat sus}{F}$ $E\flat$
Unison

1. Here in this pass - ing flesh, Fa - ther, my
 2. Here in my day to day, You are un -
 3. Strong and a - live in You, Heir to Your

$A\flat 6$ $\frac{C m}{A}$ $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $\frac{A\flat}{E\flat}$ $F m 6$ $\frac{E\flat add 9}{G}$ $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ $E\flat$

health is You. I am at peace what -
 chang - ing joy. In You I breathe a -
 ho - ly wealth, All of my be - ing

$A\flat add 9$ $A\flat 6$ $F m$ $\frac{F m}{G}$ $\frac{F m}{A\flat}$ $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$ $B\flat$ $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$ $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$

ev - er comes, For You will walk me through.
 vi - brant life No sick - ness can de - stroy.
 soon will share Your rich, e - ter - nal health.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Robert Jackson (1842-1914); arr. by Ken Bible

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1 Corinthians 15:35-58

(NASB)

Someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?" You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of mankind, another flesh of animals, another flesh of birds, and another of fish. There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So also it is written: "The first man, Adam, became a living person." The last Adam was a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. As is the earthy one, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly one, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now I say this, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I am telling you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

But when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The Resurrection Body

*The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;
it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory;
it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;
it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.
Just as we have borne the likeness of
the earthly man,
so shall we bear the likeness of
the man from heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 49, NIV)*

Your present physical body was created
from this earth and for this earth.
Someday it will return to this earth,
ashes to ashes,
dust to dust.

But it will be only a tiny seed
from which God will raise for you a new body,
created for heaven,
created for His presence,
created for His eternal glory.

You will be
imperishable,
immortal,
glowing with the splendor of Jesus Christ Himself.

Death will be swallowed up in victory!
Thanks be to God!

*Father, all Your children pass through
this troubled world.
As we do, we will suffer for You
in many different ways.
But at the resurrection,
not one of us will be missing.
Not one of us will be
harmd or crying or
lacking any good thing.
Jesus Christ, the Omnipotent One,
is our Shepherd.*

Hymn Recording: [When Christ Our Healer's Work Is Done](#)

When Christ Our Healer's Work Is Done

*Psalm 23:1-3; 36:8-9; John 10:1-4, 14, 27-28; 1 Corinthians 15:36-55;
Revelation 7:15-17; 21:22-27; 22:1-5*

♩ = 80

N.C. Gm F sus F Eb F Gm Gm/D Bb Bb/C Gm/D D7sus Gm/Bb Cm/A Gm

1. When Christ our heal - er's work is done, No pain and no more death.
2. No shame or sor - row, no more night- Christ will be all in all.
3. With bod - ies made for heav - en's life, All will be praise to You!

N.C. Gm F sus E/C Eb Dm Cm7 Cm/A Gm Gm/F Eb Cm/Eb D sus D

We'll drink Your life in Christ the Son, Your glo - ry, Your breath.
Our Lord will be our one de - light. What joy when He calls!
The day will rise in Christ the Light, And all will be new!

D Cm Gm/Bb D7/A D/F# Gm Gm/D Cm6 Gm/Bb Cm/A Eb/A D sus D

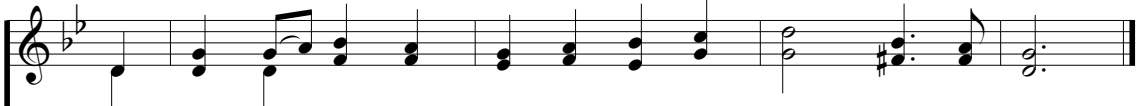
The shal - low pleas - ures of this earth Will hold no more ap - peal.
He'll lead our souls by qui - et streams, And need will be no more.
We'll feast on heav - en's Bread and Wine And thirst for Him a - lone.

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N.C. Gm F sus $\frac{F}{C}$ E \flat Dm Cm7 $\frac{Cm}{E\flat}$ $\frac{Gm}{D}$ Gm D+ D7 Gm



We're made for joys of great - er worth. No pain, no more death.
No tears, no grief, but joy su - preme With Christ all in all.
Then ev - 'ry breath will be di - vine, Our Fa - ther, in You!

