

**Peace / Palm Sunday**

**HELP US, O CHRIST**

**(Based on the Peace Prayer of St Francis)**

**Tune: COMPASSION**

**Melody: William L. (Bill) Wallace**

**Harmony: Graham Hollobon**

1. **Help us, O Christ, to choose the path of peace  
With all its skills for healing unjust pains;  
To sow the seeds of love instead of war,  
To free the victims held by tyrants' chains.**
  
2. **Where dark despair resides in people's minds  
Help us to share hope's bright empowering song.  
When lust for wealth and power controls the will  
Help us curtail the senseless spread of wrong.**
  
3. **Instead of longing to be understood  
May we first heed the other person's cries  
With tenderness that mends their broken heart,  
With ways of thought that help to make them wise.**
  
4. **For through forgiving we shall be transformed,  
Through "letting go" create the space for play,  
The play that frees our minds from pointless fears  
To join the vibrant dance of Easter Day.**

*Alternative Tune: CHILTON FOLIAT (WOV 530)*

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