## 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

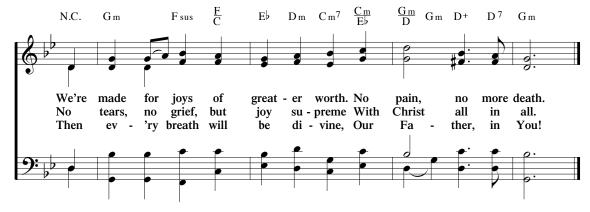


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TOPICS: All Saints Day; Easter; Eternal Life; Funerals & Memorial Services

LEAD-IN: They are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them; nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes. (Revelation 7:15-17, NASB)

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## When His Healing Is Complete

1 Corinthians 15:36-55; Revelation 7:15-17; 21:22 – 22:5

Father, You created us

from the materials on our planet home and enlivened us by Your own breath.

What marvelous miracles we are!

But when we proudly separated from You,

we corrupted ourselves,

including these amazing bodies You gave us.

Though conceived in love, our lives now

begin in pain and

end in death.

In-between, sickness and suffering

are woven throughout the fabric of our existence.

Even the wonderful pleasures You gave us are tainted,

imperfect and passing.

Rather than drawing us to You,

we allow them to distract us from You.

We have turned Your gifts into gods,

making them avenues for evil.

But Your Son, Jesus Christ, came as

the Great Healer.

He began healing us from all the effects of our sin.

And through His resurrection, He became

the Second Adam,

the first of an entirely new human race,

restored and recreated

in Your glorious image.

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When His work is complete and
       we are complete in Him,
we will have
       no more pain,
       no more shame,
       no sorrow,
       no tears,
       no death.
The pleasures and sensations of being a physical creature will no longer be
       painful, imperfect, or passing.
Never again will they distract us from You.
Instead, we will be
       pure vessels,
perfectly created for
       Your life,
       Your love,
       Your presence, and
       Your worship.
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We will be

fully,

beautifully,

Life will flow as a river.

forever alive in You!

We will feast forever on all that You are.

It will blossom and grow all around us in richness and diversity.

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