

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

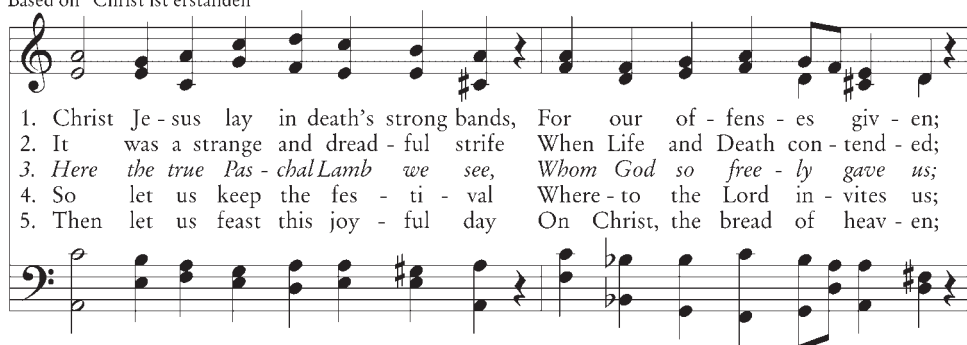
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"Victimae Paschali laudes," c. 1100

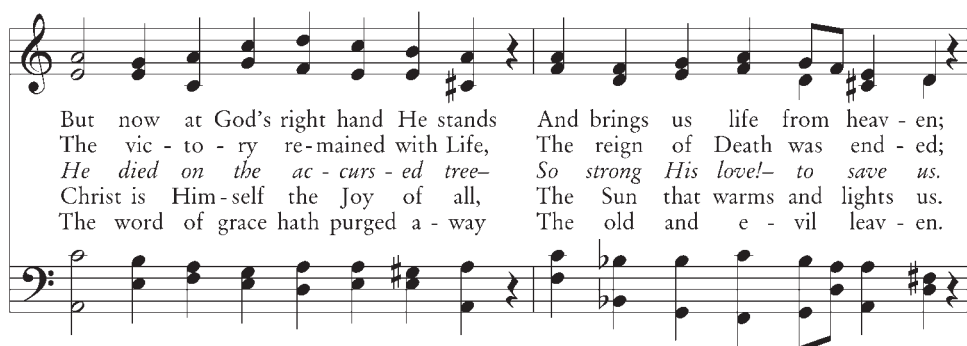
Based on "Christ ist erstanden"

Martin Luther, 1524

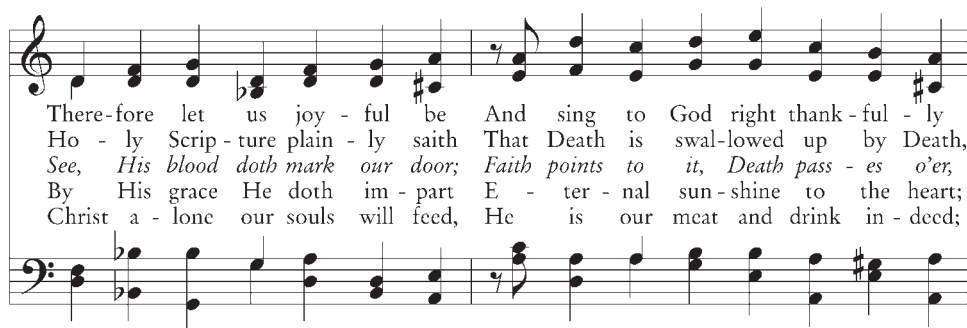
tr. Richard Massie, 1854; alt.



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, For our of - fens - es giv - en;
 2. It was a strange and dread - ful strife When Life and Death con - tend - ed;
 3. *Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, Whom God so free - ly gave us;*
 4. So let us keep the fes - ti - val Where - to the Lord in - vites us;
 5. Then let us feast this joy - ful day On Christ, the bread of heav - en;



But now at God's right hand He stands And brings us life from heav - en;
 The vic - to - ry re - main - ed with Life, The reign of Death was end - ed;
He died on the ac - curs - ed tree - So strong His love! - to save us.
 Christ is Him - self the Joy of all, The Sun that warms and lights us.
 The word of grace hath purged a - way The old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith That Death is swal - lowed up by Death,
See, His blood doth mark our door; Faith points to it, Death pass - es o'er,
 By His grace He doth im - part E - ter - nal sun - shine to the heart;
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed, He is our meat and drink in - deed;



Loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 His sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
And Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 The night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Faith lives up - on no oth - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!