

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

But God raised Him up again... since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. Acts 2:24

Am *B^b* *Asus* *Dm*

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;

Am *B^b* *Asus* *Dm*

but now at God's right hand He stands and brings us life from heav - en.
 the vic - to - ry re - mained 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.

Dm *Gm* *Dm* *F* *Dm* *Am*

There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed up by death;
 See His blood up - on 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;

F *Asus* *Dm* *Asus* *Dm*

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!

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1524, based on Latin *Victimae Paschali*; tr. Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

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