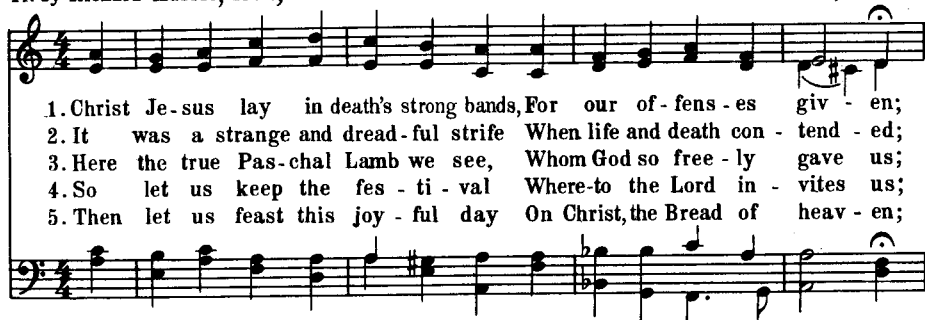


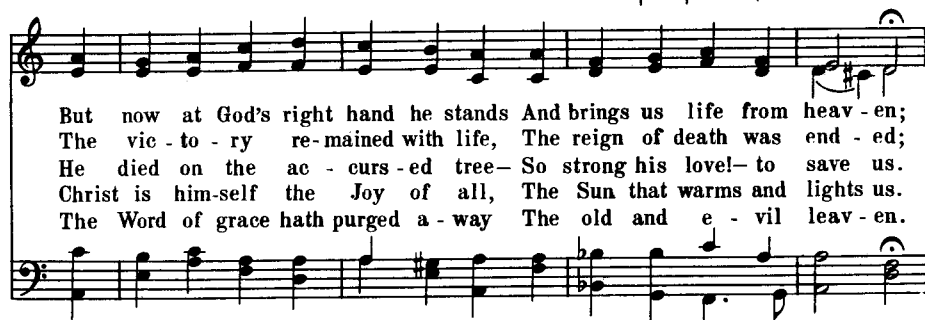
*Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Acts 2:24*

Martin Luther, 1524, cento  
Tr. by Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

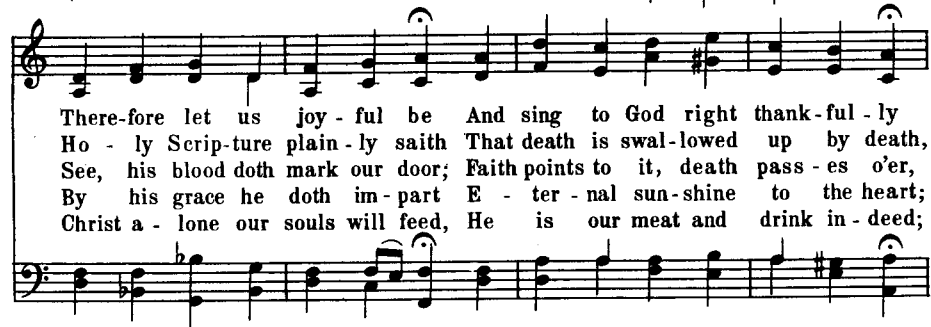
CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN 8. 7. 8. 7. 8. 7. 4.  
Based on "Christ ist erstanden," c. 1100



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-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.  
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! A-MEN.