Christians, to the Paschal victim Hymnal 1982 no. 183

Melody: Victimae Paschali laudes Irregular metre



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offer your thankful praises!

A lamb the sheep redeemeth:

Christ, who only is sinless,

reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended

in that combat stupendous:

the Prince of life, who died,

reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

what thou sawest, wayfaring:

‘The tomb of Christ, who is living,

the glory of Jesus’ resurrection;

bright angels attesting,

the shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee he will go before you.’

Christ indeed from death is risen,

our new life obtaining;

have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia!

Words: Wigbert (Wipo of Burgundy) (d. 1050?), translation from *The Antiphoner and Grail*, 1880

Music: Mode i, attributed to Wigbert