Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

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Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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- 1. Christ Je-sus lay in death's strong bands
- 2. It was a strange and dread ful strife
- 3. So let us keep the fes ti val
- 4. Then let us feast this ho ly day

for our of - fenc-es giv - en; when life and death con - tend-ed; to which the Lord in -vites us; on the true bread of hea - ven;



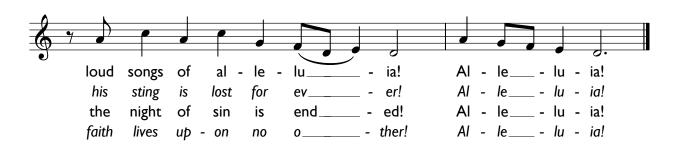
but now at God's right hand he stands the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, Christ is him - self the joy of all, the word of grace hath purged a - way

and brings us life from hea-ven; the reign of death was end-ed; the sun that warms and lights us; the old and wick-ed lea-ven;



there - fore let us joy - ful be, stripped of pow'r, no more he reigns, by his grace he doth im - part Christ a - lone our souls will feed,

and sing to God right thank-ful - ly an emp - ty form a - lone re-mains; e - ter - nal sun-shine to the heart; he is our meat and drink in - deed;



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