

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN 8.7.8.7.7.8.7.4.

Medieval melody

Arr. by Johann Walther, 1524

Am Em Am F Dm Am E Am F B \flat C F Dm Asus4 A 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;
5. Then let us feast this joy - ful day on Christ, the Bread of heav - en;

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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.

Dm B \flat Gm Dm C F Dm Dm Am Dm E Am E Am

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;

F C F C Gm Dm A Dm Dm Gm A D

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!