

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

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Martin Luther (1483-1546)

British spelling

Harmony by

tr. Richard Massie (1800-1887)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fenc - es
2. It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con -
3. So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in -
4. Then let us feast this ho - ly day on the true bread of

giv _____ - en; but now at God's right hand he stands and
tend _____ - ed; the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the
vites _____ us; Christ is him - self the joy of all, the
hea _____ - ven; the word of grace hath purged a - way the

brings us life from hea _____ - ven; there - fore let us
reign of death was end _____ - ed; stripped of pow'r, no
sun that warms and lights _____ us; by his grace he
old and wick - ed lea _____ - ven; Christ a - lone our

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joy - ful be, and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
more he reigns, an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
doth im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine to the heart;
souls will feed, he is our meat and drink in - deed;

loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
his sting is lost for ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!
the night of sin is en - ed! Al - le - lu - ia!
faith lives up - on no o - ther! Al - le - lu - ia!