

# Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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

our of - fen - ses gi - ven; but now at God's right  
 life and death con - ten - ded; the vic - to - ry re -  
 to the Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the  
 the true bread of hea - ven; the Word of grace hath

hand he stands, and brings us life from hea - ven;  
 mained with life; the reign of death was en - ded.  
 joy of all, the Sun that warms and lights us.  
 purged a - way the old and wick - ed lea - ven.

where fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to  
 Stripped of power, no more it reigns, and emp - ty  
 By his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal  
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our

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God right\_ thank - ful - ly loud songs of\_ Al - le -  
 form a - lone re - mains; death's sting is\_ lost for -  
 sun - shine\_ to the heart; the night of\_ sin is  
 meat and\_ drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no

lu - ia!  
 e - ver! Al - - le - - lu - ia!  
 en - ded!  
 o - ther!