

# Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

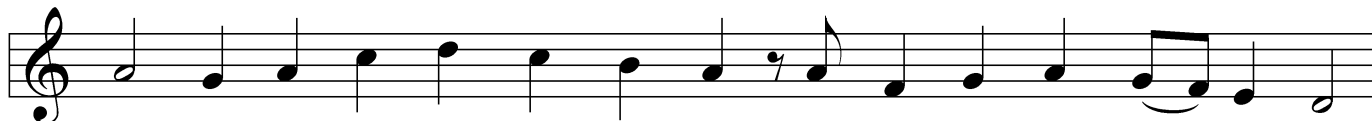
CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

Martin Luther, 1524

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1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es giv - en;  
 2. *No son of man could con - quer death, such mis - chief sin had wrought us,*  
 3. But Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly Son, to our low state de - scend - ed,  
 4. *It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;*  
 5. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en;  
*for in - no - cence dwelt not on earth, and there - fore death had brought us*  
 the cause of death he has un - done, his pow'r for - ev - er end - ed,  
*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.



there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right  
*in - to thrall - dom from of old and ev - er grew more*  
 ru - ined all his right and claim and left him noth - ing  
*Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed*  
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it, death



thank - ful - ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
*strong and bold and kept us in his bond - age. Hal - le - lu - jah!*  
 but the name, his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
*up by death, its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!*  
 pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!

6. So let us keep the festival whereto the Lord invites us;  
 Christ is himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
 By his grace he doth impart, eternal sunshine to the heart;  
 The night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!

7. Then let us feast this joyful day on Christ, the Bread of heaven;  
 The Word of grace hath purged away the old and evil leaven.  
 Christ alone our souls will feed, he is our meat and drink indeed;  
 Faith lives upon no other. Hallelujah!