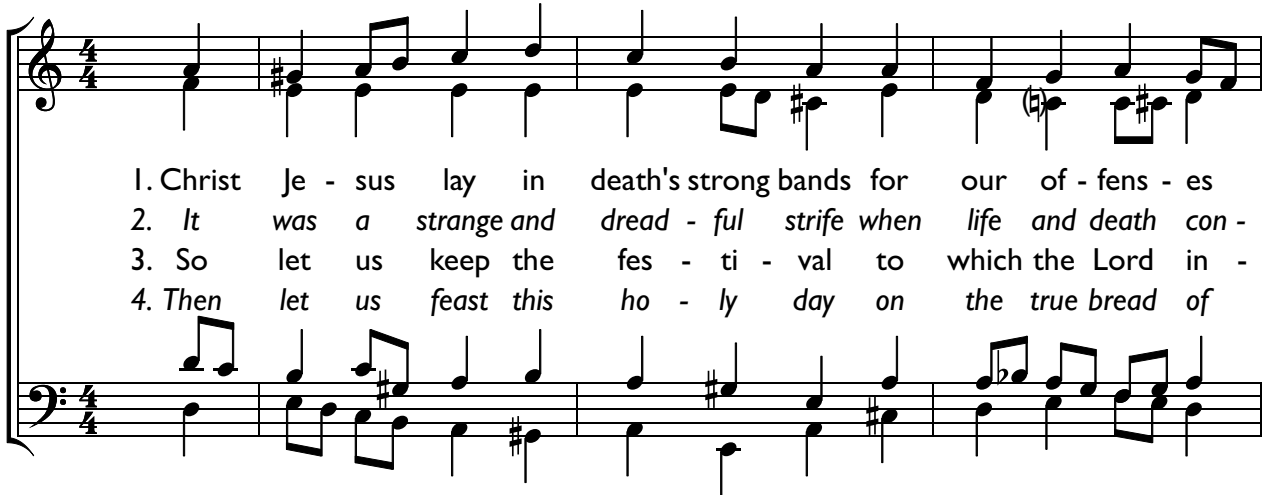


# Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands


Hymnal 1982 no. 186, Melody: Christ lag in Todesbanden

Martin Luther (1483-1546)  
tr. Richard Massie (1800-1887)

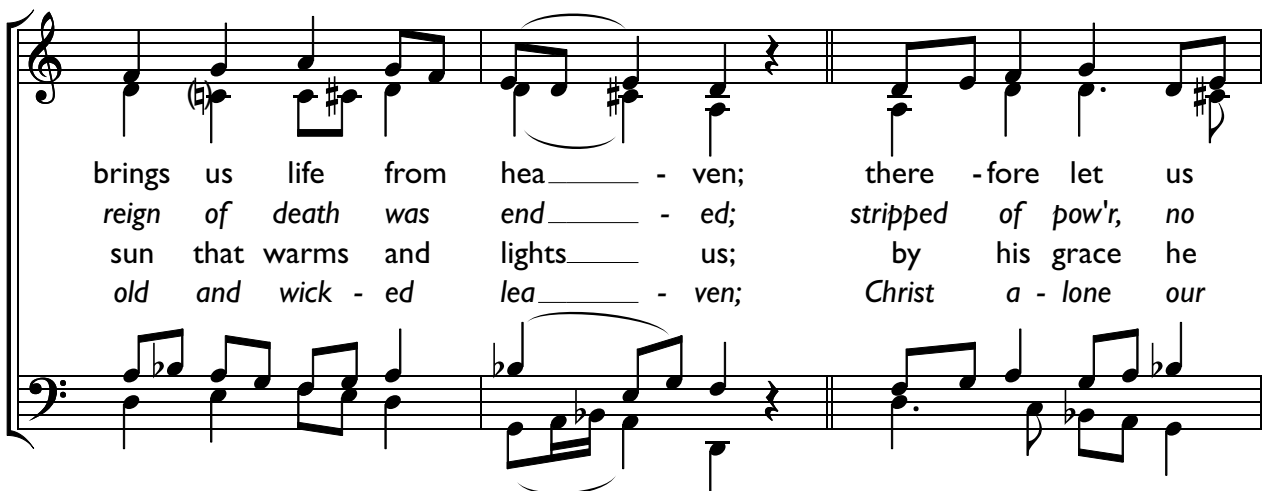
Harmony by  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - 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!