



**Christ Jesus Lay in
Death's Strong Bands**

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Text: Christ lag in Todesbanden; Martin Luther (1524);

tr. st. 1, 3-7, Richard Massie (1854), alt.; tr. st. 2, Catherine Winkworth (1863), alt.

Tune: Christ lag in Todesbanden; Martin Luther (1524)

Setting: Johann Crüger (1649), accompaniment removed

S.
A.

1. Christ Je - sus Lay in death's strong bands
2. No son of man could con - quer death,

T.
B.

6

For our of - fens - es_ giv - en; But
Such ru - in sin had_ wrought us. No

12

now at God's right hand He stands And
in - no - cence was found on earth, And

17

brings us life from heav - en. There - fore
there - fore death had_ brought us In - to

96

grace to us im - parts E - ter - nal sun - shine
lone our souls will feed; He is our meat and

102

to our hearts; The night of sin is
drink in - deed; Faith lives up - on no

107

end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!
o - ther! Al - le - lu - ia!

75

6. So let us keep the fe - sti - val
7. Then let us feast this Ea - ster Day

22

let us joy - ful be And sing to God right
bond - age from of old And ev - er more grew

80

To which the Lord in - vites us; Christ
On Christ, the bread of - heav - en; The

28

thank - ful - ly Loud songs of al - le -
strong and bold And held us as its

86

is Him - self the joy of all, The
Word of grace has purged a - way The

33

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!

91

sun that warms and - lights us. Now His
old and e - vil - leav - en. Christ a -

38

3. Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down,
 4. It was a strange and dread - ful strife
 5. Here our true Pas - chal Lamb we see,

59

pow'r, no more it reigns; An emp - ty form a -
 Scrip - ture plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed
 blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death

43

His peo - ple to de - li - ver; De -
 When life and death con - tend - ed; The
 Whom God so free - ly gave us; He

65

lone re - mains; Its sting is lost for -
 up by death, Made hence - forth a de -
 pass - es o'er, And Sa - tan can - not

49

stroy - ing sin, He took the crown From
 vic - to - ry re - mained with life, The
 died on the ac - curs - ed tree - So

70

ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ri - sion. Al - le - lu - ia!
 harm - us. Al - le - lu - ia!

54

death's pale brow for - ev - er; Stripped of
 reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly
 strong His love - to - save us. See, His