Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

1. Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, for our offenses given; but now at God's right
   hand he stands, and brings us life from heaven;
   wherefore let us joyful be, and sing to

2. It was a strange and dread ful strife when mained with life; the reign of death was ended.
   joy of all, the Sun that warms and lights us.
   Stripped of power, no more it reigns, and empty

3. So let us keep the festi val where -
   the true bread of heaven; the Word of grace hath
   invites us; Christ is himself the
   By his grace he doth impartial eternal

4. Then let us feast this Easter day on
   purged a way the old and wicked heaven.
   us.
   Christ alone our souls will feed; he is our

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God right– thankful– fully 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

[Music notation]

Al– le– lu– ia!