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Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Congregation, SATB (with Soprano Descant), and Organ,
 with opt. Brass Quintet and Timpani

Martin Luther
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 Composite, *tr.*

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Introduction*: Organ, with opt. Brass and Timpani

With drive (♩ = 60)

Organ

Man. Ped.

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Tune: *CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN*, Johann Walther, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524 (PD).

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LSB and ELW Stanza 1: Unison Voices (Choir and Congregation) and Organ, with opt. Brass and Timpani

9 *Unis. f*

Soprano
Alto

LSB Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for
ELW Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for

Tenor
Bass

Unis. f

Organ

f

Ped.

12

our of - fens - es — giv - en; but now at God's right hand he
our of - fens - es — giv - en; but now at God's right hand he

16

stands and brings us life from — heav - en. There - fore let us
stands and brings us life from — heav - en. There - fore let us

joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly loud
 joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly loud

songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! ___
 songs of hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! ___ (ELW to m. 45)

LSB Stanzas 2 and 4: Choir and Congregation (all in harmony) and Organ, with opt. Brass

27 *Div. mf*

Soprano Alto
 Organ
 Tenor Bass

2. No son of man could con - quer death, such
 4. It was a strange and dread - ful strife when

Div. mf

Ped. opt.

30

ru - in sin had - wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on
life and death con - tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re - mained with

34

earth, and there - fore death had - brought us in - to bond - age
life, the reign of death was - end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture

38

from of old and ev - er grew more strong and bold and
plain - ly saith that death is swal - lowed up by death, its

41

held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!
sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia! (- Congr.) (LSB to m. 63)

LSB Stanza 3; ELW Stanza 2: Choir and Organ, with opt. Brass

45 *mp*

Soprano

Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his
Our Sav - ior Je - sus, God's own Son, here

Alto

Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his
Sav - ior Je - sus, God's own Son, here

Tenor

Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his
Our Sav - ior Je - sus, God's own Son, here

Bass

Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his
Our Sav - ior Je - sus, God's own Son, here

45 *mp (ad lib.)*

Organ

Ped.

48

peo - ple to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the
in our stead de - scend - ed; the knot of sin has been un -

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in our stead de - scend - ed; the knot of sin has been un -

peo - ple to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the
in our stead de - scend - ed; the knot of sin has been un -

48

peo - ple to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the
in our stead de - scend - ed; the know of sin has been un -

52

crown from death for - ev - er: stripped of pow'r, no
done, the death is end - ed. Christ has crushed the

crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er: stripped of pow'r, no
done, the claim of death is end - ed. Christ has crushed the

crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er: stripped of pow'r, no
done, the claim of death is end - ed. Christ has crushed the

crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er: stripped of pow'r, no
done, the claim of death is end - ed. Christ has crushed the

52

56

more it reigns; an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains - its
pow'r of hell; now there is naught but death's gray shell - its

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56

59 (LSB only: repeat to m. 27)

sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

59 (LSB only: repeat to m. 27)

LSB Stanza 5; ELW Stanza 3: Unison Voices (Choir and Congregation) and Organ,
 with opt. Brass (Trumpet I, Horn)

63 *Unis. mf*

Soprano Alto

Here our true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom
 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom

Tenor Bass

Unis. mf

Organ

mf

Ped.

66

God so free - ly — gave us; he died on the ac - curs - èd
 God so free - ly — gave us, who died on the ac - curs - èd

70

tree— so strong his love— to — save us. See, his blood now
 tree— so strong God's love!— to — save us. See, his blood now

74

marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er, and
 marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er, and

(- Congr.)

Sa - tan can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!

LSB Stanza 6; ELW Stanza 4: Choir and Organ, with opt. Brass and Timpani

81

*Unis. mf*Soprano
Alto

So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the
 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the

Tenor
Bass

So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the
 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the

Organ

(*mf*) (*ad lib.*)

Man.

84

val to which the Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of
 val to which the Lord in - vites us; Christ is the ver - y joy of

Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of
 Lord in - vites us; Christ is the ver - y joy of

88

Div.

all, the sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to
 all, the sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to

self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to
 ver - y joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to

Ped.

92

us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts; the night of sin is
 us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts; the night of sin is

us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts; the night of sin is
 us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts; the night of sin is

LSB Stanza 7; ELW Stanza 5: Unison Voices (Choir and Congregation), Soprano Descant, and Organ, with opt. Brass and Timpani

104 *ff*

Soprano Descant

Then let us feast this Eas - ter Day on
 Then let us feast this Eas - ter day on

Alto Congr. *Unis. ff*

Then let us feast this Eas - ter Day on
 Then let us feast this Eas - ter day on

Tenor Bass *Unis. ff*

104

Organ *ff*

Ped.

107

Christ, the bread of heav - en; the Word of
 Christ, the bread of heav - en; the Word of

Christ, the bread of — heav - en; the Word of
 Christ, the bread of — heav - en; the Word of

107

110

grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil
 grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil

grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil
 grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil

113

leav - en. Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he
 leav - en. Christ a - lone, our ho - ly meal, the

leav - en. Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he
 leav - en. Christ a - lone, our ho - ly meal, the

116

is our meat and drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no
 hun - gry soul will feed and heal; faith lives up - on no

116

119

oth - er! Al - le - lu - ia!
 oth - er! Hal - le - lu - jah!

119