Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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Music: Geistliche Gesangbuchlein, 1524
Tune: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, 87.87.78.74

Dm E7 Am E7 Am E7 A A/C♯ Dm/C E F Dm

1. Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, for our offenses
2. It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death con-
3. So let us keep the festival where to the Lord in-
4. Then let us feast this Easter day on the true bread of___

Gm A7 Dm E7 Am E7 Am E7 A A/C♯ Dm/C E F Dm

given; but now at God's right hand he stands, and brings us life from
end ed; the victory remained with life; the reign of death was
heaven; the Word of grace hath purged away the old and wick-
ed__

Gm A7 Dm Gm Dm C/E F Dm A7/C♯ D E7

heaven; wherefore let us joyful be, and sing to God right
ended. Stripped of power, no more it reigns, an empty form a-
lights us. By his grace he doth impart eternal sunshine
leaven. Christ a-lone our souls will feed; he is our meat and,

Am E7 Am Dm C F F/A C♯ Dm A7 B♭ F A7/C♯ Dm B♭ Gm A7 D

thankfully loud songs of Alleluia!
lone remains; death's sting is lost forever!
to the heart; the night of sin is ended!
drink in deed; faith lives upon no oth-

Al-le-lu-ia!