

Victimae paschali laudes
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n today;
Christians haste your vows to pay;
make your joy and praises known
at the Paschal Victim's throne;
for the sheep the Lamb has bled,
sinless in the sinner's stead;
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;
now he lives, no more to die!
2. Christ, the Victim undefiled,
God and sinners reconciled;
when in strange and awesome strife
met together death and life;
Christians, on this happy day
haste with joy your vows to pay;
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high
now he lives, no more to die!
3. Say, O wond'ring Mary, say
what you saw along the way.
"I beheld two angels bright,
empty tomb and wrappings white;
I beheld the glory bright
of the risen Lord of light;
Christ, my hope, is ris'n again;
now he lives, and lives to reign!"
4. Christ, who once for sinners bled,
now the firstborn from the dead,
throned in endless might and pow'r,
lives and reign for evermore.
Hail, eternal Hope on high!
Hail, our King of Victory!
Hail, our Prince of Life adored!
Help and save us, gracious Lord!

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