

Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

The powerful words of the hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," were written by Charles Wesley in 1739. Wesley was an Anglican priest and one of the founders of Methodism. He wrote over 6,000 hymns during his lifetime, and this particular hymn remains an important part of Christian worship today.

Wesley wrote the words that were set to a traditional Easter melody known simply as "Easter Hymn." The tune first appeared in a collection called *Lyra Davidica* by John Walsh, but the more well-known arrangement was published in 1749.

The hymn quickly became popular and was translated into many languages. It has been sung in churches all over the world, with some of them using different musical arrangements. Its timeless words have inspired many people and can still be heard today in both traditional hymn books and contemporary worship songs.

Throughout its long history, this hymn has continued to be an anthem of hope at Easter. The simple, yet profound words remind us of the joyous occasion that marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ and brings comfort to those who seek hope in difficult times.

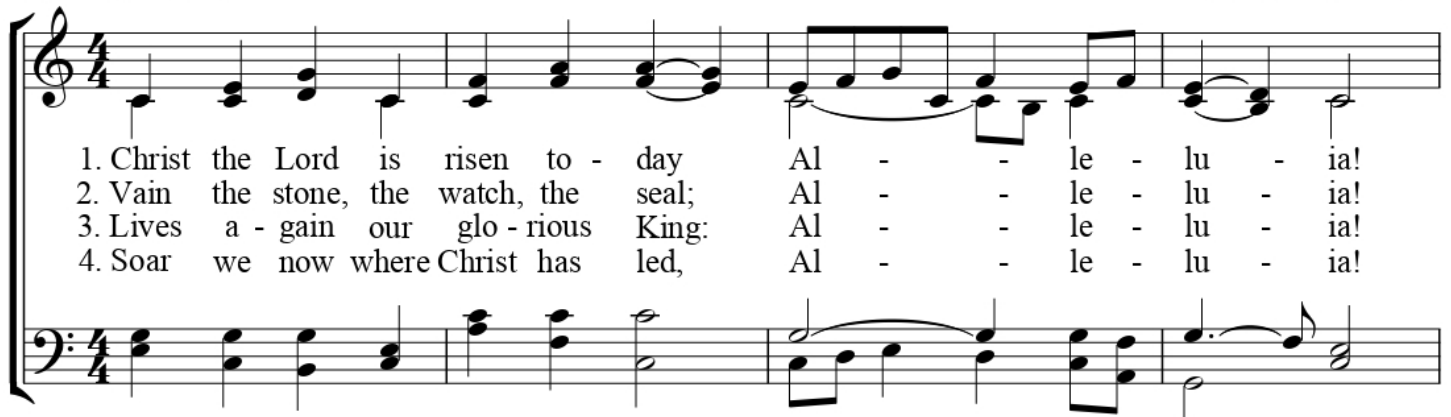
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" is a beloved hymn that has endured for centuries due to its timeless message of hope. This year, as we celebrate Easter, let us take the time to pause and reflect on its message of Resurrection and rejoice in God's glory.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today


Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN

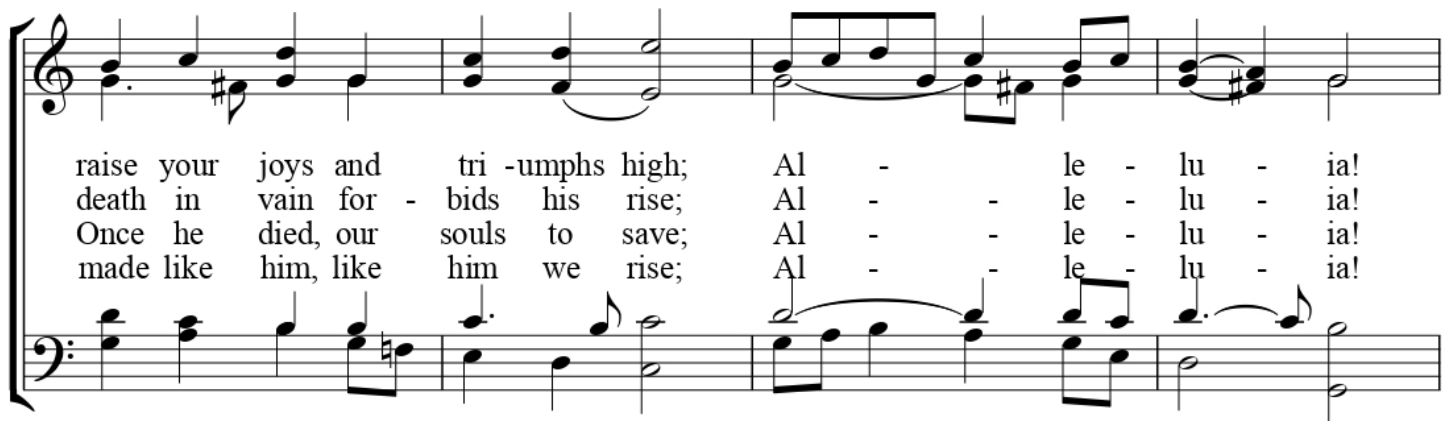
Lyra Davidica, 1708



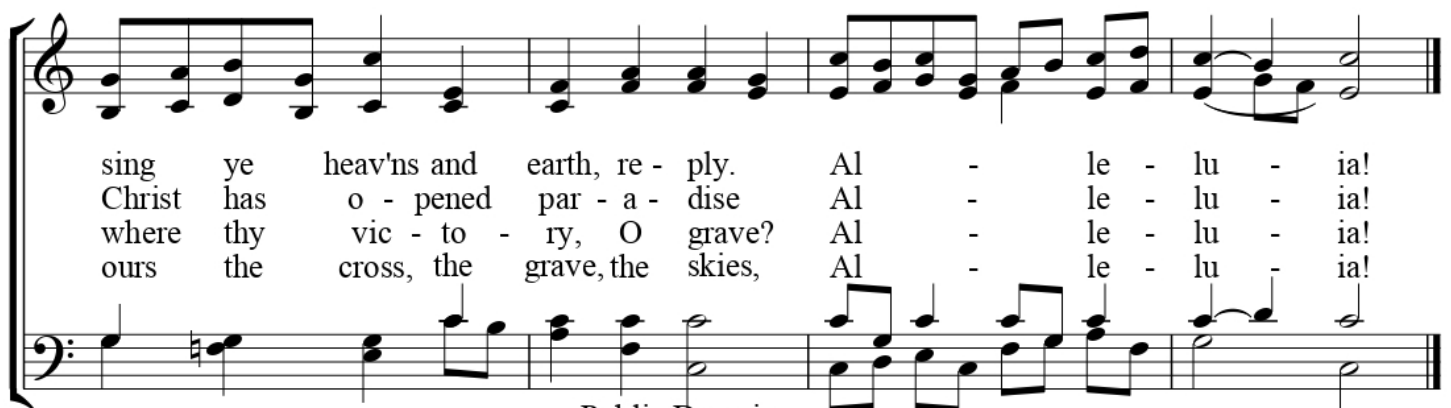
1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day Al - - le - lu - ia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King: Al - - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!



sons of men and ang - els say: Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - - le - lu - ia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!



sing ye heav'ns and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise Al - - le - lu - ia!
where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!