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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

631 In the Presence of Your People

(Psalm 22)

1 In the pres-ence of your peo - ple I will
 2 All who love you sing your prais - es and pro -
 3 All who seek your rule will praise you and be

for a - lone you are ho - ly, en - throned on the prais - es

Let us cel - e - brate your good - ness and your
 You have not ig - nored our suf - fering but have
 All the peo - ples of the na - tions will bow

may your name be ex - alt - ed here on earth and in

This text based on the affirmative later parts of Psalm 22 (especially verses 3, 23-28) has with alternating lines of stanza and refrain. It also has an uncommon history, as the first in New Zealand and the remaining stanzas in Canada.

Now the Green Blade Rises



the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
that for three days in the grave had lain;
touch can call us back to life a - gain;



lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.



vere some traditional Easter carols, this hybrid one has been created by grafting a 20th-century text onto a late 15th-century French tune. The allegory of the dying and rising grain as a sign of its Resurrection is probably based on John 12:24.

248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



- 1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
- 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



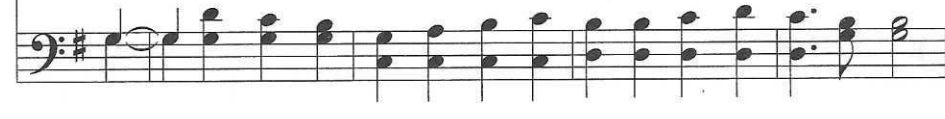
Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!



In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

296 Go in Grace and Make Disciples

Capo 3: (D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A)
F C B^b C F C

1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

(Em7) (A) (D) (G) (D) (G)
Gm7 C F B^b F B^b

ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

(D) (Em) (A7) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D)
F Gm C7 F C F C F

vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed,
gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

(B) (Em) (B) (E) (A) (D)
D Gm D G C F

to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te

(G) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
B^b F B^b Gm F C7 F

make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth
Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.