

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

This glorious Easter hymn was written by Charles Wesley and first appeared in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* published in 1739. The Alleluia at the end of the verse is reminiscent of the early Christian greeting for Easter morn, "Alleluia, the Lord is risen!" "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

Charles Wesley

Lyra Davidica, 1708

C G C F C F C G7 C

1. "Christ the Lord is risen to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Lives - a gain our glo - rious King: Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ hath led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

F C F C F C G7 C F C G7 C

Sons of men and an - gels say. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head. Al - - le - lu - ia!

G D7 G C G C G D7 G

Raise you joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!

G C F C F C G7 C F C

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - - le - lu - ia! A - men.