The Resurrection of Our Lord—2025 April 20

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481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

1 Scat-ter the dark-ness, break the gloom; Sun, re-veal an
2 Bear-ing the stan-dard from on high As the Lamb of
3 Ban-ners of tri-umph, be un-furled! Trum-pets, sound through-

emp-ty tomb Shin-ing with joy for all our sor-rows,
God to die; He who for us, so cruel-ly treat-ed,
out the world! Cry-ing and sighs, give way to sing-ing:

Hope and peace for all to-mor-rows, Life un-e-
Lives a-gain— our foes de-feat-ed! Where is your
Life from death, our Lord is bring-ing! Let there be-

clipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has ris-en from the dead!
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
gin the ju-bi-lee— Christ has gained the vic-to-ry!

Related Scripture

Stanza 1

Matthew 28:5–6
Mark 16:6–7
Luke 24:5–7
1 Corinthians 15:3–8, 20
Colossians 1:27
1 Peter 1:3, 21

Stanza 2

Isaiah 5:26
Isaiah 11:10, 12
Isaiah 49:22
Isaiah 62:10
Jeremiah 4:6
John 1:29, 36
1 Corinthians 15:54–57

Stanza 3

Psalm 20:5
Isaiah 13:2
Romans 1:4
Romans 4:24–25
Romans 6:9–10
1 Peter 3:18

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-- LCMS Pastor Stephen Starke's text was said to be inspired by the tune BESANÇON.
-- Written as a four-stanza hymn, it was published in 2005 with one original stanza omitted.
-- 2005 source gives the following Bible references: Luke 24:1; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57; Isaiah 65:19. (*Lutheran Service Builder* gives other "Related Scripture"
-- *Lutheran Service Book* appears to be the first hymnal to make use of the text.
-- Randall P. Wurschmidt comments on the text in *LSB: Companion to the Hymns*, pp.387-388.

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-- Tune of unknown origin achieved notoriety in November 1742 when new verses lambasted government officials and reportedly caused their downfall.
-- Tune used for a Christmas carol published in 1890. (Unclear if that was Starke's exposure to it.)