

Christians, to the Paschal victim

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Christians, to the Paschal victim offer your thankful praises!

A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless,

reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contend-ed

in that combat stupendous: the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declar-ing what thou sawest, way-far-ing:

"The tomb of Christ, who is liv-ing, the glo-ry of Je-sus' re-sur-rec-tion;

bright an-gels at-test-ing, the shroud and nap-kin rest-ing.

Yea, Christ my hope is a-risen; to Gal-i-lee he will go be-fore you."

Christ in-deed from death is ris-en, our new life ob-tain-ing;

have mer-cy, vic-tor King, ev-er reign-ing! A-men. Al-le-lu-ia!