Alleluia Festivalé

Latin, 14th century
Translation from Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.
Verse 4, Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Janét Sullivan Whitaker

VERSES (\( j = \text{ca. 92} \))

Cantor

1. Jesus Christ is risen to-day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he endured,
4. Sing we to our God above,

All

1. Un to Christ, our heavenly King,
2. Our triumphant holy day,
3. Our salvation have procured,
4. Praise eternal as his love,

Cantor

1. Who did once upon the cross,
2. Who endured the cross and grave,
3. Now above the sky he's King,
4. Praise him, all ye heavenly host,

All

1. Suffer to redeem our loss,
2. Sinners to redeem and save,
3. Where the angels ever sing,
4. Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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Composer Notes

Here in the San Francisco Bay area, we have an annual Memorial Day weekend tradition known as the San Francisco Carnival Parade. It winds through the Mission District, while thousands jam the streets to drink in the sights and sounds and pageantry of multi-cultural drumming, dancing and dazzlingly colorful art in motion. My favorite things to hear and see are the escolas de samba, or Samba Schools with their rows of Brazilian surdos, panderos, agogo bells, cuicas and tamborims, not to mention the frenetic and joyous gyrations of the escola dancers. This experience never fails to bring me to tears: to be bathed in such an explosion of life and rhythm and roaring, crackling sonic joyousness, a beloved part of my own Paschal observance. I have always felt the Easter Vigil Gospel Procession should be so deliriously raucous, with everyone dancing in the light of the risen Christ, shouting the Good News to all of creation.

— Janët Sullivan Whitaker
VERSE 1
Cantor

1. Jesus Christ is risen today,
   Hymns of praise then let us sing,
   But the pains which he endured,
   Sing we to our God above,

   Sing, sing, alleluia!

All

1-4. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

VERSE 2
Cantor

1. Our triumphant holy day,
   Unto Christ our heavenly King,
2. Our salvation have procured,
   Praise eternal as his love,

   Alleluia, alleluia!

All

1-4. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

VERSE 3
Cantor

1. The cross,
   And grave,
3. He's King,
4. Enthroned

   Alleluia, alleluia!

All

1-4. Alleluia!

VERSE 4
Cantor

1. Suffer to redeem our loss,
2. Sinners to redeem and save,
3. Where the angels ever sing,
4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

   Alleluia!

All

1-4. Alleluia!

REFRAIN: All

Amen! Every land and people rejoicing!

1-3 to Verses 2-4 | 4 to Refrain

Amen! Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

Final

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!