EASTER SEQUENCE

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Easter Sequence

Verse 1  Cantor:

1. Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, Christ the just one for this wondrous mystery;
2. Offer thankful sacrifice!

5: (Am)
Dm
(Gm/Br)
(C/E)
(Am)

Refrain A  Cantor into repeat in unison

Alleluia! Christ risen, alleluia.

= 84-88
(Guitar tacet)

Verses 2–3  Cantor:

3. Death and life fought bitterly for this wondrous mystery;

(Am)
Dm

(Dm/F)
(Gm/Br)
(C/E)
(Am)
2. recalling sin - ners to the Fa - ther.
3. the Lord of life who died reigns glo - ri - fied!

Descant:

(3) The Lord of life who died reigns glo - ri - fied!

Refrain B

All:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir:

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is al - le - lu - ia.

For verses 2–3:

(Em7) (Am) (Am) (G) (Em) (Am) (Am)

Am7 Dm C Am C Am/G Am/C Dm

For verses 4–6:

(Em7) (Am) (Am) (G) (Em/G) (Am)

Am7 Dm C Am/C Dm
Verses 4–5

Cantor:

4. O Mary, come and say, what you saw at break of day.
5. Bright angels testified, shroud and grave clothes side by side!

Descant:

4. Bright angels testified, shroud and grave clothes side by side!

To Refrain B

4. “The empty tomb of my living Lord! I saw Christ risen and adored!”
5. “Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously. He goes before you into Galilee.”

Verse 6

Cantor:

6. Share the good news, sing joyfully: his death is victory.

(Dm/F) (C/E) (Am) (Dm)
(Am) (Dm/F) (C/E) (Am) (Dm)
(C/E) (Gm/Bb) (F/A)
Performing Notes

Any combination of voices may be used for the verses, but the following schema is suggested:

vv. 1–2. Cantor part sung by bass voice(s) and verse(s) sung by treble voice(s)

v. 3. Cantor part sung by bass voice(s); verse sung by three voice(s)

vv. 4–5. Cantor part sung by tenor voice(s); descant sung by alto voice(s)

v. 6. Cantor part sung by bass voice(s); descant sung by tenor voice(s)

The descants in the verses are all optional, as are those in the refrain, so the setting could be sung in unison throughout by a solo cantor and assembly. The refrain may be sung through twice or in full.

In the refrain, the alleluia in parentheses may be substituted for Christmas as required.

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Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, Christ is ri-sen, al-le-lu-ia.

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