

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Latin, c. 5th century

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

Luke 24:36-37

1 Joy dawns a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
 2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
 3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
 hearts to be your own, That we may give you
 joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
 all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
 death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

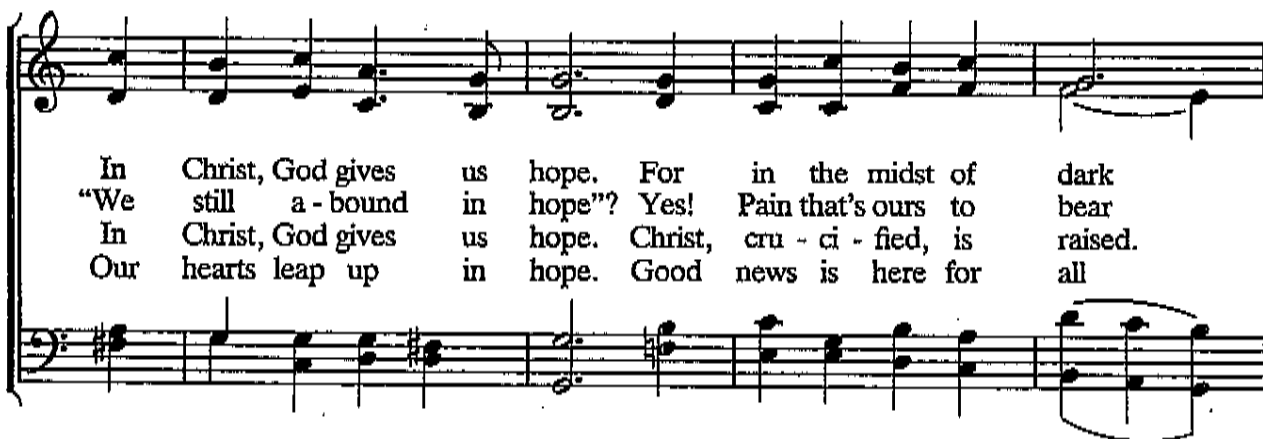
This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two earliest hymns assigned to a special season. From that beginning grew a full list of medieval Latin hymns assigned to specific times and seasons.

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.
 German carol, 15th century
 Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
 Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

Though Doubt Confronts Belief



1 Though doubt con-fronts be - lief, And fear has no re - lief,
 2 When e - vil rules the day, Can we in con-science say,
 3 Though storms may dim our view, The rain makes rain-bows, too.
 4 When lives are turned a - round, When one who's lost is found,



In Christ, God gives us hope. For in the midst of dark
 "We still a - bound in hope"? Yes! Pain that's ours to bear
 In Christ, God gives us hope. Christ, cru - ci - fied, is raised.
 Our hearts leap up in hope. Good news is here for all



Shines love's re - deem-ing spark, So we a - bound in hope.
 Is eased when oth - ers care, So we a - bound in hope.
 Let God be great - ly praised! We do a - bound in hope!
 In mea-sures great and small. Praise God! A - bound in hope!

Jane Parker Huber, 1983

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 Joseph Barnby, 1868

WHEN THOMAS HEARD THE STRANGE REPORT

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Tune: MORNING SONG is an Appalachian Folk Tune

When Thomas heard the strange report
that someone had appeared
and stood among Christ's frightened friends,
he balked and darkly feared
that they mistook (as twins know well)
and so were falsely cheered.

Thanks be to God for honest doubt,
for faith that dares to ask
the questions born in lively minds
and will not smugly bask
in superficial piety
or hide behind a mask.

Give us, like Thomas, faith that seeks
to honor evidence
but still is open to God's truth
and welcomes the immense
surprise that Christ will not remain
within the tomb of sense.