

Αἰσωμεν, πάντεζ λαοί (*Aisomen pantes laoi*)  
**Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

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STANZAS 1-3

C G F C C Dm C G

1. Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dour,

C G F C C Dm G C

1. God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;  
 2. and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
 3. with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;

G D D D G C D G

1. loosed from Pha-roah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
 2. All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 3. comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion

C F C Am G Dm G C

1. led them with un - moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 2. from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 3. wel-comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.

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STANZAS 4-5

4. Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,

4. nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold him as a mor - tal:  
 5. who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;

4. for to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - pears be - stow - ing  
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing;

4. last - ing peace which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Inspiration: the first ode of the "Golden Canon", "Αἰσωμεν, πάντεζ λαοί" or "Aisomen pantes laoi", Greek, by John of Damascus, ca. 675 - ca. 754.

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Music: ACH WIE KURZ; J.H. Reiman, fl. 1747; arranged by Richard Runciman Terry, 1865-1938, in "The Westminster Hymnal", 1940.