

Claro paschali gaudio

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

John M. Neale • "Hymns Ancient and Modern", 1861

1. That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord.
2. His risen flesh with radiance glowed,
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.
3. O Jesus, King of gentleness,
who with your grace our hearts possess;
that we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.
4. O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
from ev'ry weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed for ever shield.
5. All praise to you, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
to God the Father equal praise,
and Spirit blest, our songs we raise!

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