

**On this night let us sing (response hymn to *Exsultet*)**

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Tune: *Personent Hodie*, 14<sup>th</sup> c. German, arr. Gustaf Holst.

1. On this night let us sing  
Of the works of our King!  
Where, O Death, is thy sting?  
Jesus is victorious,  
Merciful and glorious!

*REFRAIN:*

*Ring bells ring, ring, ring*  
*Sing choirs sing, sing, sing*  
*On this night, Christ our Light*  
*Vanquishes the darkness!*

2. Word of God in the void,  
Earth and stars, life and joy.  
Satan's plan to destroy  
Banished us from Eden.  
Savior, bring us freedom!  
*(REFRAIN)*

3. Pharaoh's wrath, Israel flees,  
See the Lord part the sea,  
Who were bound now go free,  
Passage through the waters,  
Saving sons and daughters!  
*(REFRAIN)*

4. His the doom, ours the mirth,  
When Christ came down to earth.  
Born to give second birth,  
On the cross his Passion,  
Bridging the great chasm!  
*(REFRAIN)*

5. Women came to the tomb--  
Open door, empty room!  
Once a grave, now a womb,  
Bearing forth our Savior,  
First fruits of God's favor.  
*(REFRAIN)*

6. See his hands, touch his feet,  
Feel his scars, it is he!  
Ris'n to make joy complete!  
Brothers, this is Jesus!  
Sisters, now he frees us!  
*(REFRAIN)*

7. Breaking bread, taste and see,  
He is here, and will be  
Evermore, our high priest,  
In our presence, even  
As he reigns in heaven!  
*(REFRAIN)*

8. Life from Life, death to death,  
Christ will come, once again!  
Let all things that have breath,  
Give to God the glory,  
For salvation's story!  
*(REFRAIN)*