

Hymns' 15.4.16hark alt.ver. **CHRIST HAS RISEN, LET US SING: EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING!**

"Jesus shouted with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'" (John 11:43 CEB) "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified...He has been raised; he is not here...But go...he is going ahead of you...." (Mark 16:6-7 NRSV)

Christ has risen, let us sing;

'Easter changes everything!'

Laz'rus, called to life once more,

loved this Lord whom we adore

whose own death – its grief and pain--

strangely gives us life again.

Hatred led Christ to the cross;

Love then triumphed o'er this loss.

Christ has risen, let us sing:

"Easter changes everything!"

In Good Fridays of our lives

all seems lost; no hope survives.

Though we feel but fear or doom

Christ already burst our tomb!

Life restored, we're called to go

to the world so all may know

how we're freed to serve and love

singing now, and then above:

"Christ has risen, let us sing!

Easter changes everything!"

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Suggested tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840, arr. by William H. Cummings. 1856 (cf.#240 UMH) 77.77D w/Ref.

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