

CHRIST LIVES AND SO WE'RE FREE

Words by CHARLOTTE LEE

Music by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

With urgency (♩ = ca. 78)

ACCOMP.

4 SOPRANO / ALTO *mf*
Up with the sun! wak the dawn! The

TENOR / BASS

7 sky is bright the clouds are gone. Love has con - quered

CHRIST LIVES AND SO WE'RE FREE is a refreshing departure from the brilliant fanfares of Easter morning. This energetic and forward-moving anthem utilizes an inspired original text to capture the central theme of our celebrations. Beginning in a light, subdued manner, the work builds with intertwining 'alleluias' along the way, to an uplifting modulation which leads to the final triumphant section, scored with optional handbells (two octaves).

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10 death and pain. We live in light a - gain.

13 Come, Chris - tians, come and see end - less al - le -

16 ias bring - ing; wit - ness the emp - ty tomb. Christ

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19 lives, and so we're free. *mf*
Al - le - lu

22 ia, al - le - lu - al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

25 ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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28 *mf* 29
 Gone is the sting of win - ter's cold, as
 lu. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

31
 streams and riv - ers start to flow, seeds that were hid - den
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -

34
 un - der, and burst forth to bloom and grow.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.

37 *f*
 Come, Chris - tians, come and see, end - less al - le -

40
 lu - ias sing - ing; wit - ness the emp - ty tomb. Christ

43
 and we're free.

46 *f*
 Chris - tians, lift your hearts with praise, for Christ has o - pened the
 HANDBELLS (*opt.*)
 46 *(mf)*

49
 heav'n - ly door. Chil - dren of God, your voic - es raise, re -

52 54
 deemed, re - newed, re - stored. Come, Chris - tians,

55
 come and see, end - less al - le - lu - ias sing - ing;

