**Father Brébeuf Hymnal #697**

**English translation of the Victimae Paschali Laudes**
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**1. Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Christians, haste your vows to pay;**

1. Christ the Lord is ris’n today;
Christians, haste your vows to pay;
Offer ye your praises meet
At the Paschal Victim’s feet.
For the sheep the Lamb hath bled,
Sinless in the sinner’s stead;
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high,
Now he lives no more to die.

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**2. Christ, the Victim undeﬁled, Man to God hath reconciled;**

2. Christ, the Victim undeﬁled,
Man to God hath reconciled;
Whilst in strange and awful strife
Met together Death and Life.
Christians, on this happy day
Haste with joy your vows to pay;
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high,
Now he lives no more to die.

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**3. Say, O wondrous Mary, say, what thou sawest on thy way:**

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what thou sawest on thy way;
"I beheld, where Christ had lain,
empty tomb and angels twain,
I beheld the glory bright
of the rising Lord of light;
Christ my hope is ris’n again;
now he lives, and lives to reign."

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**4. Christ, who once for sinners bled, Now the ﬁrst born from the dead, Thro’ and in endless might and pow’r, Lives and reigns for evermore.**

4. Christ, who once for sinners bled,
Now the first born from the dead,
Through in endless might and pow’r,
Lives and reigns for evermore.
Hail, eternal Hope on high!
Hail, Thou King of victory!
Hail, Thou Prince of life adored!
Help and save us, gracious Lord.
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Ladies (unison) + Organ
When in strange and awful strife Met together—Death and Life.

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Christians, on this happy day Haste with joy your vows to pay:

Ladies (unison) + Organ
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high, Now he lives no more to die.

SATB without accomp.
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SATB without accomp. “I beheld, where Christ had lain, Empty tomb and Angels twain;

SATB without accomp. I beheld the glory bright Of the rising Lord of light:

SATB without accomp. Christ my hope is ris’n again, Now he lives, and lives to reign.”

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4. Christ, who once for sinners bled,
Now the first-born from the dead,

Thron’d in endless might and pow’r
Lives and reigns forevermore.

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Hail, thou King of victory!

Hail, thou Prince of Life adored!
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