The Strife Is O'er

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun.
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their joy has burst, Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises, Alleluia!
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sing thy servants free, that we may live, and Alleluia!

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.
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