

## Christian Worship Hymn 134: O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

Please remember that songs are interpreted much differently than sermons or liturgy. It is important to keep the rhythm of the music when interpreting songs. Just as English sung hymns must change their word order for their stanzas to rhyme and therefore may 'sound' strange if strictly spoken; signed hymns must also at times change their sign order to keep the proper rhythm of the song and may 'look' strange if strictly signed. Rhythm is very important.

1. O bride of Christ, rejoice! Exultant raise your voice  
(wife) church belong-to Christ rejoice/ excite voice \*raise-up

To hail the day of glory Foretold in sacred story.  
welcome glory day / before prophesy story holy

Hosanna! Now adore him; With praises bow before him!  
Save now Jesus adore praise \*bow-down

2. He wears no kingly crown, Yet as a King is known:  
Jesus crown none {headshake} /however King still know-that

Though not arrayed in splendor, He shall make death surrender.  
doesn't-matter clothes (not)fancy nothing/Jesus beat <conquer> death give-up

Hosanna! Now adore him; With praises bow before him!  
Save now Jesus adore praise \*bow-down

3. The weak and timid find How meek he is and kind;  
person weak shy discover Jesus humble and kind

He graciously will hear you And be forever near you.  
Jesus polite listen will / and forever \*near-me

Hosanna! Now adore him; With praises bow before him!  
Save now Jesus adore praise \*bow-down

4. E'en babes with one accord With you shall praise the Lord  
also baby agree {two-handed} \*all-same/ Together will praise Lord

And ev'ry gentile nation Respond with exultation:  
And \*every not Jew nation / respond (with) excite

Hosanna! Now adore him; With praises bow before him!  
Save now Jesus adore praise \*bow-down

5. Then go your Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at his feet;  
now \*go \*meet Lord /leaves \*scatter Jesus feet \*scatter

Your garments spread before him, And honor and adore him.  
\*scatter/clothes \*scatter before Jesus / honor adore \*him

Hosanna! Sing the story Of Christ, the King of glory!  
Save sing about story Christ King glory

- Words with hyphenation are ASL signs.
- Words in parentheses may or may not be signed, depending on your audience. If they are more English, you may want to add the words.
- Words in <> are definitions for the previous word as the previous word has more than one sign.
- Words in quotation marks are words to be dramatized as if you are the speaker.
- Words with asterisks should be signed as a directional sign.