

On This Day, the First of Days

Baker / GOTT SEI DANK



1. On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's name we praise;
2. On this day, th'e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
3. O that fer - vent love to - day may in ev - 'ry heart have sway,
4. Fa - ther, who cre - a - ted me im - age of your - self to be,
5. Ho - ly Word, all prais - es be! You from sin have set me free;
6. Ho - ly Spir - it, you im - part gifts to shine in ev - 'ry heart;
7. God, the bless - ed Three - in - One, Fa - ther, Spir - it, with the Son;



1. who, cre - a - tion's Font and Spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2. on this day the Spir - it came with the gifts of liv - ing flame.
3. teach - ing us to pray a - right God the source of life and light.
4. may your grace be ev - er mine, fill me with your love di - vine.
5. and up - on love's flame a - rise un - to you a sac - ri - fice.
6. best of gifts, your - self be - stow; dwell in me your love to know.
7. one in you with all a - bove, we send forth our hearts of love.

Inspiration: "Die parente temporum" in "Breviary of the Diocese of Le Mans", 1748.

Lyrics: 77:77; Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, in "Hymns Ancient and Modern", 1861.

Music: GOTT SEI DANK (aka LÜBECK); J. Freylinghausen's "Geistreiches Gesangbuch", 1704; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.