

On This Day, the First of Days

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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 didst fash - ion me im - age of thy - self to be,
5. Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and ris - en here with thee;
6. Thou who dost all gifts im - part, gifts to shine in ev - 'ry heart;
7. God, the one God of my heart, I am thine, and mine thou art;



1. who, cre - a - tion's Lord and Spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2. on this day the Spir - it came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
3. teach - ing us to pray a - right God the source of life and light.
4. fill me with thy love di - vine, fill me with your love di - vine.
5. and up - on love's flame a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
6. best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.
7. take me, bless - èd One in Three, here I give my - self to thee.

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