

On This Day, the First of Days

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1. On this day, the first of days,
God the Father's name we praise;
who, creation's Font and Spring,
did the world from darkness bring.
2. On this day, th'eternal Son
over death his triumph won;
on this day the Spirit came
with the gifts of living flame.
3. O that fervent love today
may in ev'ry heart have sway,
teaching us to pray aright
God the source of life and light.
4. Father, who created me
image of yourself to be,
may your grace be ever mine,
fill me with your love divine.
5. Holy Word, all praises be!
You from sin have set me free;
and upon love's flame arise
unto you a sacrifice.
6. Holy Spirit, you impart
gifts to shine in ev'ry heart;
best of gifts, yourself bestow;
dwell in me your love to know.
7. God, the blessed Three-in-One,
Father, Spirit, with the Son;
one in you with all above,
we send forth our hearts of love.

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