

# Hymn Lyrics

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## Hail thee, festival day (Easter)

*Refrain:*

*Hail thee, festival day!  
Blest day that art hallowed forever;  
day wherein Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death.*

Lo, the fair beauty of earth,  
from the death of the winter arising,  
every good gift of the year  
now with its Master returns.

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Blest day that art hallowed forever;  
day wherein Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death.*

He who was nailed to the Cross  
is God and the Ruler of all things;  
all things created on earth  
worship the Maker of all.

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Blest day that art hallowed forever;  
day wherein Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death.*

God of all pity and power,  
let thy word be assured to the doubted;  
light on the third day returns:  
rise, Son of God, from the tomb!

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Blest day that art hallowed forever;  
day wherein Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death.*

Ill doth it seem that thy limbs  
should linger in lowly dishonor;  
ransom and price of the world,  
veiled from the vision of men.

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Blest day that art hallowed forever;  
day wherein Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death.*

Loosen, O Lord, the enchained,  
the spirits imprisoned in darkness;  
rescue, recall into life those  
who are rushing to death.

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Blest day that art hallowed forever;  
day wherein Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death.*

Ill it beseemeth that thou,

by whose hand all things are encompassed,  
captive and bound shouldst remain,  
deep in the gloom of the rock.

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Blest day that art hallowed forever;  
day wherein Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death.*

Rise now, O Lord, from the grave  
and cast off the shroud that enwrapped thee;  
thou art sufficient for us;  
nothing without thee exists.

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Blest day that art hallowed forever;  
day wherein Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death.*

Mourning they laid thee to rest,  
who art Author of life and creation;  
treading the pathway of death,  
life thou bestowedst on man.

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breaking the kingdom of death.*

Show us thy face once more,  
that the ages may joy in thy brightness;  
give us the light of day,  
darkened on earth at thy death.

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breaking the kingdom of death.*

Out of the prison of death  
thou art rescuing numberless captives;  
freely they tread in the way  
whither their Maker has gone.

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day wherein Christ arose,  
breaking the kingdom of death.*

Jesus has harrowed hell;  
he had led captivity captive;  
darkness and chaos and death  
flee from the face of the light.

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