

Hail, Festal day (Ascension)

Refrain.

*Hail! festal day! to endless ages known,
When God ascended to his starry throne.*

1. Now with the Lord of new and heavenly
His gifts return to grace the springing

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2. Now glows the earth with painted flowers' array,
And warmer light unbars the gates of day.

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3. Now Christ, from gloomy hell, comes triumphing,
And field and grove with clover and leafage spring.

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4. The reign of death o'erthrown, he mounts on high,
Sent forth with joyous praise from sea and sky.

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5. Loose now the captives, loose the prison door,
The fallen, from the deep, to light restore.

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6. A countless people, from death's fetters free,
Own thee Redeemer, join, and follow thee.

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7. Creator and Redeemer, Christ our Light!
The One begotten of the Father's might;

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8. Co-equal, Co-eternal, thou to whom
The kingdom of the world decreed shall come;

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9. Thou, looking on our race in darkness laid,
To rescue man, true Man thyself wast made.

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