On this day, the first of days Hymnal 1982 no. 47 Melody: Gott sei Dank 7 7. 7 7.



On this day, the first of days,

God the Father’s Name we praise,

who, creation’s Lord and spring,

did the world from darkness bring.

On this day th’ eternal Son

over death his triumph won;

on this day the Spirit came

with his gifts of living flame.

Maker, who didst fashion me

image of thyself to be,

fill me with thy love divine,

let my every thought be thine.

Holy Jesus, may I be

dead and buried here with thee;

and, by love inflamed, arise

unto thee a sacrifice.

Thou, who dost all gifts impart,

shine, blest Spirit, in my heart;

best of gifts, thyself bestow;

make me burn thy love to know.

God, the blessèd Three in One

dwell within my heart alone;

thou dost give thyself to me:

help me give myself to thee.

Words: Latin, translated by Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

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