Hail Thee, Festival Day

Refrain

Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed for ever;

(Easter) day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.
(Ascension) day when our risen Lord rose in the heavens to reign.
(Pentecost) day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world full of grace.

1. (Easter) All the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising!
   Ruler and Lord of all people, Ev'ry good
   those who await your appearing, you whom the
   Ruler of earth and the heavens, guard us from

1. (Ascension) He who was nailed to the cross is on
   Bright and in likeness of fire, on
   God the Almightiness the Lord, now
   Spirit of life and of power, now

1. (Pentecost) Bright and in likeness of fire, on
   God the Almighty the Lord, now
   Spirit of life and of power, now
   All the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising!
   Ruler and Lord of all people, Ev'ry good
   those who await your appearing, you whom the
   Ruler of earth and the heavens, guard us from

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gift of the year, now with its Master returns;
at- ed on earth, Sing to the glory of God:
Lord had fore - told, sud - den - ly, swiftly de - scend:
harm with - out, cleanse us from evil with - in:
ligh - tens us all, life that in all may a - bide:

2. (Easter) Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of
life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
glo - ry of blos - som; heaven gates un -
my - sti - cal of - fering, pour - ing on all hu - man
minds, great Re - de - mer, Son of the Fa - ther su -
au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our

dead, new life you give to us all:
bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
preme, on - ly be - got - ten of God:
days; or - der our ways in your peace:

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