

1. Hail thee, Fes - ti-val Day! blest day that art hallowed for ev - er;

Day wherein Christ a - rose, breaking the king-dom of death. death.

(Small notes optional.)

2. Lo, the fair bea - ty of earth, from the death of the win - ter a - ris - ing,

4. God of all pit - y and pow'r, let Thy Word be assured to the doubt - ing;
 6. Ill it be-seem-eth that Thou, by whose hand all things are en - com-passed,
 8. Mouning they laid Thee to rest, who art Au-thor of life and cre - a - tion;
 10. Out of the pri - son of death Thou art res-cu-ing num-ber-less cap - tives;



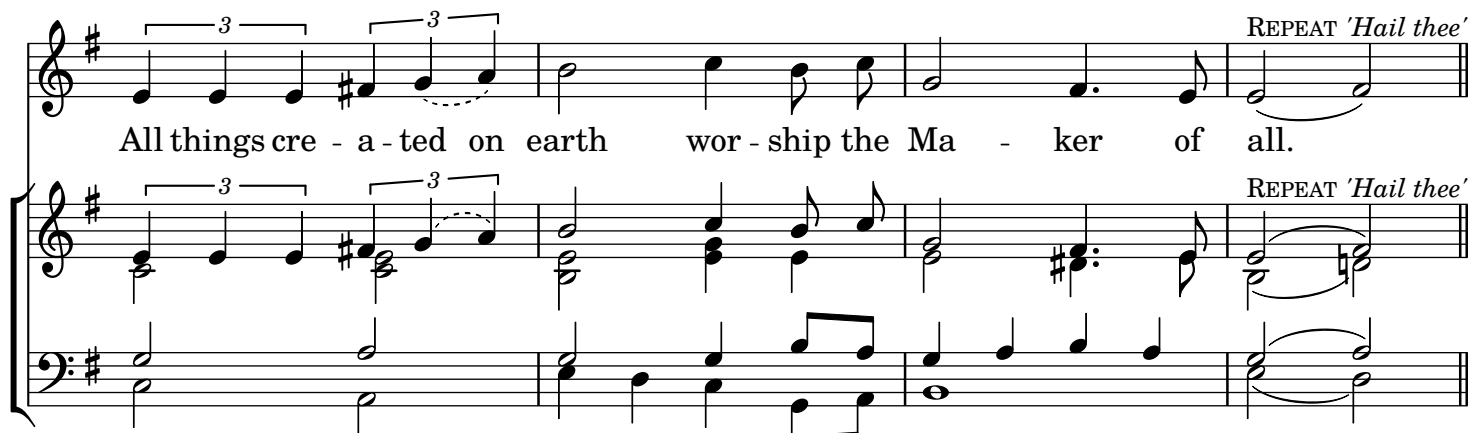
Ev' - ry good gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns.

Light on the third day re - turns: rise, Son of God, from the tomb!
 Cap - tive and bound shouldst re - main, deep in the bloom of the rock.
 Tread - ing the path - way of death, life Thou be - stow - edst on man.
 Free - ly they tread in the way whi - ther their Ma - ker has gone.



3. He who was nailed to the Cross is God and the Ru - ler of all things;

5. Ill doth it seem that Thy limbs should ling - er in low - ly dis - hon - our,
 7. Rise now, O Lord, from the grave and cast off the shroud that enwrapped Thee;
 9. Show us Thy face once - more, that the a - ges may joy in Thy bright - ness;
 11. Je - sus has har - row - ed hell; he has led cap - ti - vi - ty cap - tive:



All things cre - a - ted on earth wor - ship the Ma - ker of all.

Ran - som and price of the world, veiled from the vi - sion of men.
 Thou art suf - fi - cient for us: noth - ing with - out Thee ex - ists.
 Give us the light of — day, dark - ened on earth at Thy death.
 Dark - ness and cha - os and death flee from the face of the light.

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Salve, festa dies
 Venantius Fortunatus; tr. M.F. Bell, 1906