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Easter Sunday

Easter **Edmund Spenser**

Most glorious Lord of lyfe, that on this day, Didst make thy triumph over death and sin: And having harrowd hell, didst bring away Captivity thence captive us to win: This joyous day, deare Lord, with joy begin, And grant that we, for whom thou diddest dye, Being with thy deare blood clene washt from sin, May live for ever in felicity. And that thy love we weighing worthily, May likewise love thee for the same againe: And for thy sake that all lyke deare didst buy, With love may one another entertayne. So let us love, deare love, lyke as we ought, Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

1595

The Collect for Easter Day I

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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