Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
    Didst make thy triumph over death and sin;
    And having harrowed hell didst bring away
    Captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
    And grant that we for whom thou diddest die
    Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
    May live for ever in felicity.
And that thy love we weighing worthily,
    May likewise love thee for the same again;
    And for thy sake that all like dear didst buy,
    With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought.
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.¹

EDMUND SPENSER
POET

Edmund Spenser (1552/1553 – 1599) was a poet and creator of the masterpiece, “The Faerie Queene.” He is considered by some to be one of the greatest poets in the English language and was a favorite of C. S. Lewis.