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EDMUND SPENSER

MOST GLORIOUS LORD OF LIFE

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

¹ Pat Alexander, *Eerdmans Book of Christian Poetry: A Treasury of Poems and the Stories of Their Writers* (Grand Rapids MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1981), p. 15.

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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.