

Hail the day that sees him rise, to his throne above the skies; Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia.

There for him high triumph waits; lift your heads, eternal gates! he hath conquered death and sin; take the King of glory in! Alleluia.

Lo, the heaven its Lord receives, yet he loves the earth he leaves; though returning to his throne, still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia.

See, he lifts his hands above; see, he shews the prints of love; hark, his gracious lips bestow blessings on his Church below. Alleluia.

Still for us he intercedes, his prevailing death he pleads; near himself prepares our place, he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia.

Lord, though parted from our sight, far above the starry height, grant our hearts may thither rise, seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia.

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