Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Words: Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

There are many versions of this great song.
(The music on this site is played as follows: Refrain, refrain, verse1, refrain, verse2, refrain, verse3, refrain,verse4, refrain, refrain.)

EASTER
Refrain
Hail thee, festival day!
Blessed day to be hallowed forever;
Day when our Lord was raised,
Breaking the kingdom of death.
Refrain
Lo, the fair beauty of the earth,
From the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year
Now with its Master returns.
Refrain
Rise from the grave now, O Lord,
The author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death,
New life You give to us all.
Refrain

ASCENSION
Refrain
He who was nailed to the cross
Is Ruler and Lord of all people.
All things created on earth
Sing to the glory of God.
Refrain
Daily the loveliness grows,
Adorned with glory of blossom;
Heaven her gates unbars,
Flinging her increase of light.
Refrain
Bright and in the likeness of fire,
On those who await your appearing,
You Whom the Lord had foretold
Suddenly, swiftly descend.
Refrain
Forth from the grave now, O Lord,
The author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death,
New life You give to us all.
Refrain

ALL OCCASIONS
Refrain
God the Almighty Lord,
The Ruler of earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without;
Cleanse us from evil within.
Refrain
Jesus the health of the world,
Enlighten our minds, great Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme,
Only begotten of God.
Refrain
Spirit of life and of power,
Now flow in us, fount of our being,
Light that enlightens us all,
Life that in all may abide.
Refrain
Praise to the giver of good!
O lover and author of concord,
Pour out your balm on our days;
Order our ways in your peace.
Refrain

R.V. Williams, 1906

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Repeat refrain
(first time is Verse 1)

Women & Boys
Verses 2, 4

repeat refrain

Men
Verses 3 & 5

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