The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
   the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
   From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
   our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
   the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
   and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
   his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
   the round world keep high triumph and all that is there in.
   Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
   for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

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(this tune in a lower key, 269)