

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Hymn for the Persecuted Church

TUNE: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (HYMN TO JOY)

Matthew 5:10-12; 16:24; Luke 1:78-79; John 8:12; 17:13; Acts 5:41; Romans 5:3-4; 6:8; 8:17-18;
1 Corinthians 12:27; 2 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 6:10; Philippians 1:12-14; 3:7-11;
2 Timothy 2:11-12; Hebrews 12:1-3; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:3-9; 4:12-14; Revelation 22:16

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1. Dy - ing Sav - ior, as Your bod - y What a joy to share in You
2. You are joy in all its full - ness, Rich sup - ply for ev - 'ry need,
3. Bro - thers, sis - ters still are suf - fring For the Lord they glo - ri - fy.

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Shame and suf - fring, yet re - joic - ing, Death, yet life for - ev - er new.
Strength when we are weak and wea - ry, Light if we but let You lead.
Bathe them in Your ho - ly pres - ence As they bow to lift You high.

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Christ, our Light in all this dark - ness! Shine, O Bright and Morn - ing Star!
Pres - sured, yet we march tri - um - phant, Trust - ing One for - ev - er true,
May we share their to - tal giv - ing, All we are and all we own,

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Soon the dawn - ing, soon the morn - ing, Soon the sun of all You are!
Lov - ing, pa - tient, per - se - ver - ing, Meek, but tall and strong in You.
One in heart and one in pur - pose, Giv - ing all to make You known.

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HYMN TO JOY
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TOPICS: Church; Faith; Light; Missions & Evangelism; Patient Endurance; Serving in Christ's Name; Suffering for Christ

LEAD-IN: *The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*
(Romans 8:16-18, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

God's Persecuted People

Jesus, You are our Savior,
our Sacrifice,
the Faithful and True Witness,
the Lamb slain for our salvation.

We are Your followers,
Your servants,
Your friends,
Your bride.

Loving Savior, we are Your own Body.

We share Your glory, and
we share Your shame.
We share Your honor, and
we share Your suffering.
We share Your strength
and Your weakness,
Your joy
and Your sorrow.
We share Your death and
Your everlasting life.

Our desire
and our destiny
is to share in all You are.
As You depended on the Father
and were complete and sufficient in Him,
we depend on You
and are complete and sufficient in You.

Lead on,
omnipotent,
conquering Savior!
We love You!
We trust You!
We take up our cross and
follow wherever You lead!