

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

Jesus, Joy of Earth and Heaven

TUNE: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Eb Eb Ab Bb Bbsus Gm AbM7 Bb7 Eb Bb Eb Eb Ab
 D D C D C Bb A M7 D D Bb B C

1. Je - sus, joy of earth and heav - en! God of
 2. Je - sus, joy of all Your peo - ple, See, from

Eb Cm Fm Gm Cm Bb7 Eb Eb Eb Ab Bb Bbsus Gm
 G G Ab Ab Bb Bb C D D C D C Bb

Gods be - come a man! Hills and moun - tains
 dis - tant lands they come. Kings and shep - herds,

AbM7 Bb7 Eb Bb Eb Eb Ab Eb Gm Cm Fm Gm Cm Bb7
 C D D Bb Bb D C G Gm Cm Ab Bb Bb Bb7

rise re - joic - ing. All the trees now clap their
 saints and an - gels, Kneel to You, Al - might - y

Eb Bb Bb C7 Fm Fm Eb Db Db Bbm6 Bbm6 C Fm
 Ab Ab G G Eb C G G C Fm

hands. See our dry - ness bloom and flour - ish!
 One. Full - ness of our Fa - ther's bless - ing,

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JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING
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Fm Eb A♭ Fm7 A♭ Db6 Bbm Eb A♭ Eb A♭ Eb Cm7
 G G C C

Ev - 'ry heart You tend and nour - ish. Poor and need - y
 Life and love be - yond ex - press - ing, Joy and peace for -

Fm7 Bbm7 Eb A♭M7 Bbm Eb Eb A♭ Eb Cm Fm Gm Cm Bbm7 Eb
 F G G Bbm D C G Cm Ab Bbm G Bbm7 Eb

all a - round Come and join the joy - ful sound.
 ev - er new, Je - sus Lord, we find in You!

TOPICS: Advent; Christmas; Praise & Worship

LEAD-IN: *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Christmas Is the Story of a Gift

On coming to the house, [the Magi] saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. (Matthew 2:11, NIV)

Christmas is the story of a Gift.

Love enjoys giving gifts!
Love doesn't give out of obligation
 or selfish motives.
Love gives out of joy.
Love gives because it is kind
 and longs to bless everyone within its reach.

God is love.
He is the giver of every good gift.
He doesn't give out of need—
 He has no need.
God gives because He is full and overflows.
He gives because He longs to bless
 each and every one of us.

At Christmas God gives the greatest gift that can be given.
He gives us *Himself*.
To we who are so selfish
 He is love—
 pure, boundless, unconditional love.
To all who are fearful and despairing
 He is hope.
In our worries and anxieties
 He is joy and peace.
 He is deep, unshakable well-being.
And to all of us who are slaves to death
 He is life—
 rich, full, ever-growing life.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
Thanks be to God for
 Jesus.

*Almighty Holy Father,
You do not abandon us to*

*our puny self-improvement schemes and
our stumbling efforts.
Your gift to each of us and all of us is
the mighty life of Jesus Christ,
ours by simple faith.*

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