

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*UMH 89*

Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy  
rays,  
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

# I Corinthians 13:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, <sup>5</sup> does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

# **Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

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Sung to the Tune: O Master, Let me Walk with Thee

Mothering God,  
you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun

Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
Grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
So that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r,  
until I know.