

# Hymn Lyrics

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## Joy because the circling year

Joy! because the circling year  
brings our day of blessings here;  
day when first the light divine  
on the Church began to shine.

Like to quivering tongues of flame  
unto each the Spirit came,  
tongues, that earth might hear their call,  
fire, that love might burn in all.

So the wondrous works of God  
wondrously were spread abroad;  
every tribe's familiar tone  
made the glorious marvel known.

Hardened scoffers vainly jeered;  
listening strangers heard and feared,  
knew the prophets' word fulfilled,  
owned the work which God had willed.

Still thy Spirit's fullness, Lord,  
on oh waiting Church be poured;  
grant our burdened hearts release;  
grant us thine abiding peace.