

O joy, because the circling year

Text: *Beata nobis gaudia* from *Geistliche Lieder* (Leipzig, 1539)
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Music: *Whitsun*
John Linker

1. O joy, be - cause the cir - cling year Hath brought our
2. Like un - to quiv - ering tongues of flame Up - on each
3. Thus un - to all was spread a - broad The won - der
4. Of old in ev - ery hal - lowed breast Thou cam - est

day of bless - ing here! The day when first the
one the Spi - rit came: Tongues, that the earth might
of the works of God; They, that the pro - phet's
in thy grace to rest: O grant us now from

light di - vine Up - on the Church be - gan to shine.
hear their call, And fire, that love might burn in all.
word ful - filled, And owned the work which God had willed.
sin re - lease, And in our time, good Lord, give peace.

Beati nobis guardia

O joy, because the circling year
Hath brought our day of blessing here!
The day when first the light divine
Upon the Church began to shine.

2

Like unto quivering tongues of flame
Upon each one the Spirit came:
Tongues, that the earth might hear their call,
And fire, that love might burn in all.

3

thus unto all was spread abroad
The wonder of the works of God;
They knew the prophet's word fulfilled,
And owned the work which God had willed.

4

Of old in every hallowed breast
Thou camest in thy grace to rest:
O grant us now from sin release,
And in our time, good Lord, give peace.

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