Iesu dulcis memoria

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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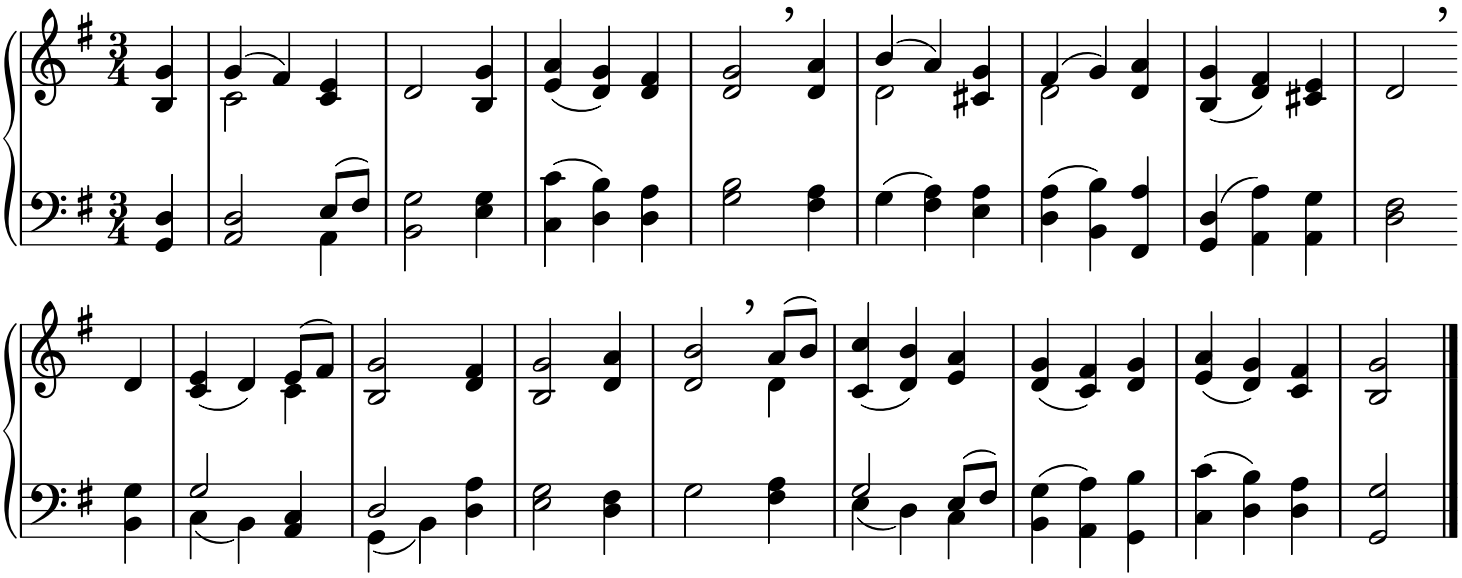

1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
   the fount of life and our true light,
   we seek the peace your love imparts
   and stand rejoicing in your sight.

2. Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
   you save all those who heed your call;
   to those who seek you, you are good,
   to those who find you, all in all.

3. We taste you, Lord, our living bread,
   and long to feast upon you still;
   we drink of you, the fountainhead,
   our thirsting souls to quench and fill.

4. For you our restless spirits yearn
   until your face we see at last;
   glad, when your presence we discern,
   blest, when our faith can hold you fast.

5. O Jesus, ever with us stay;
   make all our moments calm and bright;
   O chase the night of sin away,
   shed on the world your holy light.

Inspiration: a cento from "Iesu dulcis memoria", Latin, 12th century, formerly attributed to Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153.
Lyrics: 88.88; Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, in "Sabbath Hymn Book", 1858.
Music: WAREHAM; William Knapp, 1698-1768, in "A Set of New Psalm Tunes and Anthems", 1738.