Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Choral from Cantata #147

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1. Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
2. Through the way where Hope is guiding,

Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,

Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Where the flock in Thee confiding,

soar to uncreated light,
drink of joy from deathless springs.
Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd,
Their beauty's fairest pleasure,

With theirs is wisdom's holiest
With the fire of life impassion'd,

Pasion'd, treasure.
Striving still to

Truth unknown, lead thine own,
Soaring, dying, in the love of

Round Thy throne, joys un

Thou dost ever

Known, own,