

A Worship Minute...

Why you need to sing loudly in Church? (Reason #2 of 5)

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Five reasons you have no choice but to sing in church on Sunday. Here is Reason #2...

Singing together completes our joy.

Celebrating with each other is as natural as breathing.

At our kid's soccer game or when we watch football or March Madness, it's not enough for our team to win. We want to revel in the moment and share it with others. Marking a birthday, winning a prize, or getting a raise are all incomplete until we get to share them with those we love.

Similarly, for the faithful, the joy of living, of praying, of studying Scripture cannot be complete until shared. Singing together reminds us — not just intellectually, but experientially — that we are not slaves to the rugged individualism promoted by society. We're actually responsible to one another.

Christian apologist C.S. Lewis believed that singing completes our faith. In his *Reflections on the Psalms*, he writes, *"I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is appointed consumption."*