

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Enter to Worship. Depart to Serve.

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.

The Bridegroom is arising
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation!
At midnight comes the cry.

You saints, who here in patience
your cross and sufferings bore,
shall live and reign forever,
when sorrow is no more:
around the throne of glory
the Lamb you shall behold,
in triumph cast before him
your alleluias clear.

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
above the darkened sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!

—Laurentius Laurenti
Translated by S. L. Findlater

Astronomers have informed us of a close conjunction of two planets low in the southwestern sky right after sunset on December 21. Jupiter and Saturn will be most visible between dusk and about 20 minutes after dark, or between approximately 4:45 and 5:45 p.m. local time. The two planets will make a bright light in the sky. While not a star, the resulting view is being compared to the brilliance of the heavenly object that guided the wise men from the East to the house where the young child Jesus was.

REJOICE

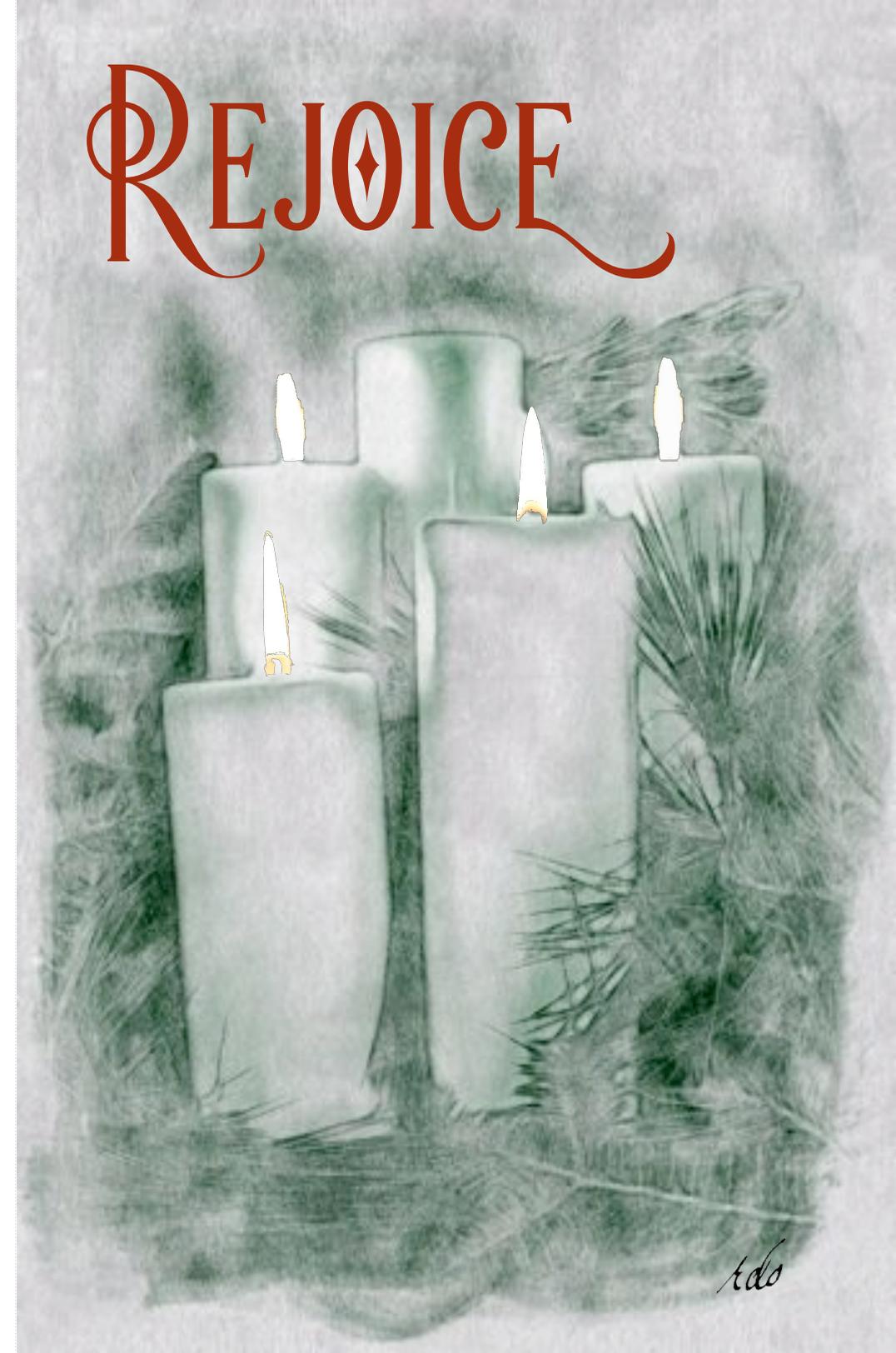


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Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her
2. Joy to the earth, the Son is reign! Let men their songs im-
3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions

King! Let ev-ry heart pre-pare His room,
plow white fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
ground. He comes to make His bless-ings flow
prove the glo-ries of His right-ous-ness

and heav'n and na-ture sing, and heav'n and na-ture
re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won-ders of His love, and won-ders of His

and heav'n and na-ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and na-ture sing,
joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy,
found, far as, far as the curse is found,
love, and won-ders, won-ders of His love.

heav'n and na-ture sing,

WORDS: Psalm 98, Isaac Watts, 1719
MUSIC: George Frideric Handel, 1742, arr. Lowell Mason, 1848

See Amid the Winter's Snow

1 See a-mid the win-ter's snow, Born for us on earth be-low,
2 Lo, with-in a sta-ble lies He who built the star-ry skies,
3 Sa-cred In-fant, all di-vine, What a ten-der love was Thine,

See, the gen-tle Lamb ap-pears, Prom-ised from e-ter-nal years,
He who, throned in height sub-lime, Sits a-mid the cher-u-bim,
Thus to come from high-est bliss Down to such a world as this!

Refrain

Hail, O ev-er-bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn!

Sing through all Je-ru-sa-lem: "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"

Text: Edward Caswell, 1914, 78, 88
Music: John Goss, 1900-01

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17-77 and others