

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.

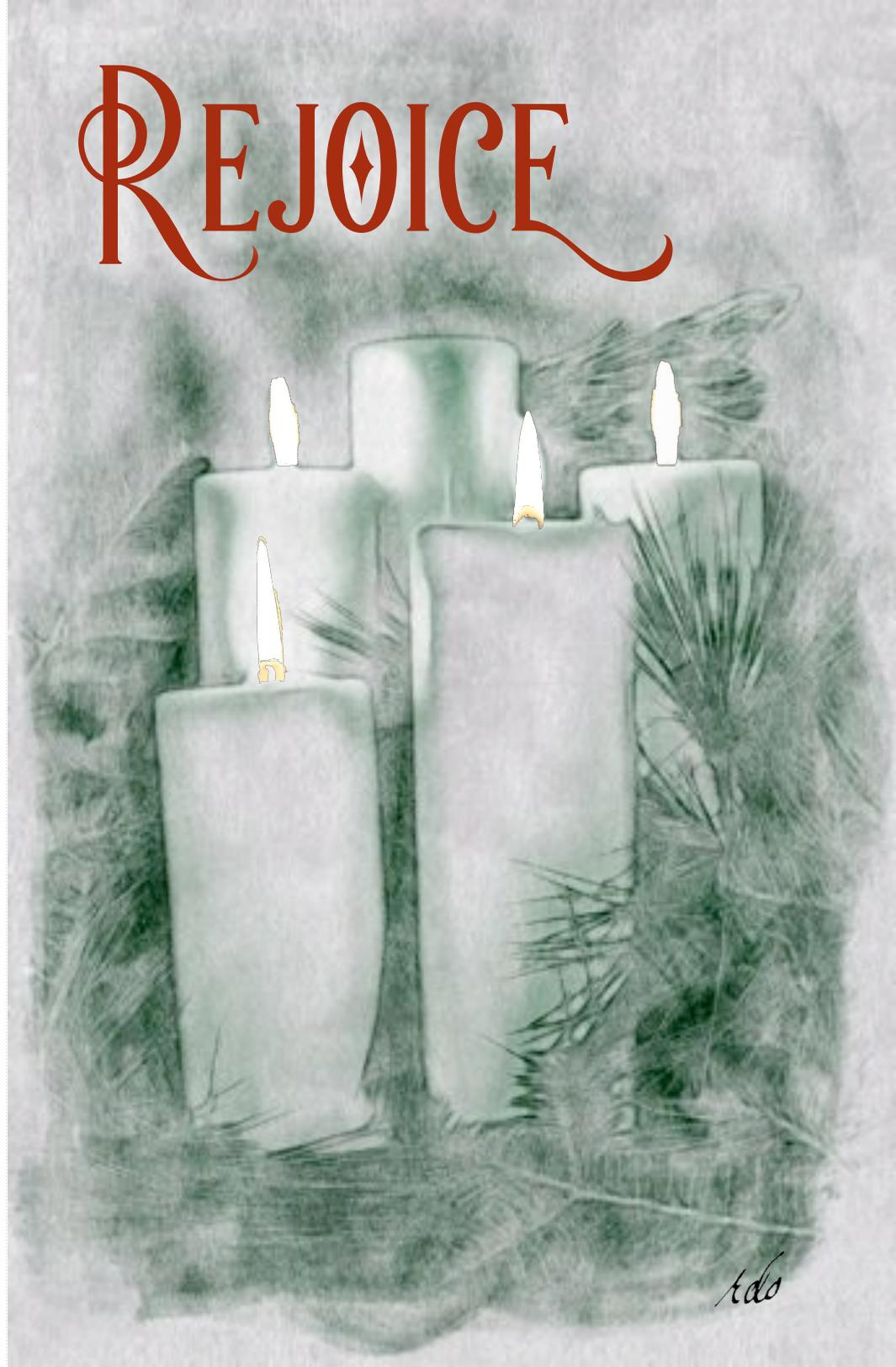
Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
above the darkened sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!
—Laurentius Laurenti
Translated by S. L. Findlater

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.

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