

**Advent Hymn (2020)**

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Rejoice! Rejoice! And be of good cheer,  
For now the time is fast drawing near  
When God will come to visit this earth,  
And bring our hopes of new life to birth.  
He'll take our sins and faults all away,  
And liberate the world from decay;  
So sing for joy: sing out loud and clear;  
Proclaim salvation's day is now here!

Throughout long ages prophets would cry  
That all might hear God's Word from on high,  
But sadly, few seemed ever to care  
About what brought them close to despair  
Till John the Baptist came into view,  
To tell the people what they must do,  
As he proclaimed throughout all the land,  
"Repent! God's Kingdom now is at hand!"

And thus did he make ready the way  
For Him Whom we now welcome today  
As King of kings, and Lord of all lords,  
Who promises such wondrous rewards  
For all whom He once suffered to save  
And to redeem from death and the grave.  
For this, let us now gratefully sing  
As to our God our praises we bring.

Rejoice, rejoice; give glory and praise  
To God the Father, now and always;  
Rejoice, rejoice; and let us accord  
Due praise to Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
Rejoice, rejoice; His Spirit now bless  
Who helps us all our faith to express,  
That earth may join with Heaven to adore  
The One true God, Who reigns evermore.



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Tune: MENUET GOTHIQUE (adapted from second movement of the *Suite Gothique* by Leon Boellmann, 1862-1897, [Op 25, 1895]).