Joyful, Joyful to the World is a splendid pairing of two of the most jubilant songs in music history, the traditional carol *Joy to the World* and the celebrated hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.* With new text added by the composer, this choral celebration is appropriate for Christmas performances by both school and church choirs.

Joy to the World has an interesting history forged by the mighty pens of George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), Lowell Mason (1792-1872) and Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Mason, sometimes called the father of American school and church music, is thought to have arranged the tune from fragments of two choruses from Handel's Messiah, Comfort Ye and Lift Up Your Heads. He paired the tune with Watts' adaptation of Fsalm 98 titled Joy to the World, and published it in his collection Modern Psalmist (1839).

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) composed his *Ninth Symphony* from 1817, 1823. The tune *Hymn to Joy* is found in the final movement of this great choral symphony. It is commonly paired with the text *Joyful*, *Joyful*, *We Adore Thee*, written by Henry van Dyke (1852-1933). Van Dyke, a native of Germantown, Pennsylvania, was a respected professor of literature at Princeton University, an ordained Presbyterian minister, a best-selling author, and U.S. ambassador to Holland and Luxembourg during the administration of Woodrow Wilson.

Joyful, Joyful to the World is available in three voicings for singers of all ages. It may be performed with solo trumpet (part included in choral score) or with brass ensemble comprised of three trumpets, trombone and tuba or bass trombone (parts available separately).

When performed in school concerts, **Joyful**, **Joyful** to the World is especially appropriate as a concert closer. When performed in worship, it may by paired with standard seasonal lectionary readings such as Fsaim 98, Isaiah 52: 7-10, John 1: 1-14 and Hebrews 1: 1-12. One basic homiletical theme is receiving the joyous news that the Prince of Peace is born.

Jay Althouse has written choral music for all levels of school and church choirs. He has over 450 choral compositions and arrangements in print. Jay received a B.S. in Music Education and an M.Ed. in Music from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied, with opt. brass or solo trumpet*

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* Also available for S.A.B. voices, No. 18325, and 2-part voices, No. 18326. Part for solo trumpet may be found on page 12. Parts for 3 trumpets, trombone, tuba (opt. bass trombone) and director's score, No. 18328, and a full performance/accompaniment compact disc, No. 18327, are available separately.

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* JOY TO THE WORLD, words by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), music by George F. Handel (1685-1759). 18324



















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Bb Trumpet

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