

Sermon - What happens tomorrow?

Ere zij God, ere zij God,
in den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge.
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
in de mensen een welbehagen.

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in de mensen een welbehagen.
Amen, amen.

English translation
Glory be to God, glory be to God,
on high, on high, on high.
Peace on Earth, Peace on Earth,
good will towards men.

Glory be to God in the highest,
Glory be to God in the highest.
Peace on Earth, Peace on Earth,
good will towards men.
To men, good will,
good will.

Glory be to God, glory be to God,
on high, on high, on high.
Peace on Earth, Peace on Earth,
good will towards men.
Amen, amen.

Prayer of Intercession - Bob Hensen

CH4 301

1. Hark the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!'

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King.'

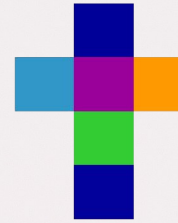
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings,
Mild, He lays His glory by;
Born that men no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing:...

Charles Wesley (1709-1788)

Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Jan-Hendrik and Jaco: We wish you a merry Christmas
and God rest ye merry, gentlemen

Thanks to all our participants today:
Graham, Bob, Ruud, Jan-Henrik, Jaco, Marten, Rizal, Michelle, Sofi, Ranees and Dee



Welcome to the
Scots International Church
Rotterdam

Christmas Day 2021

Today

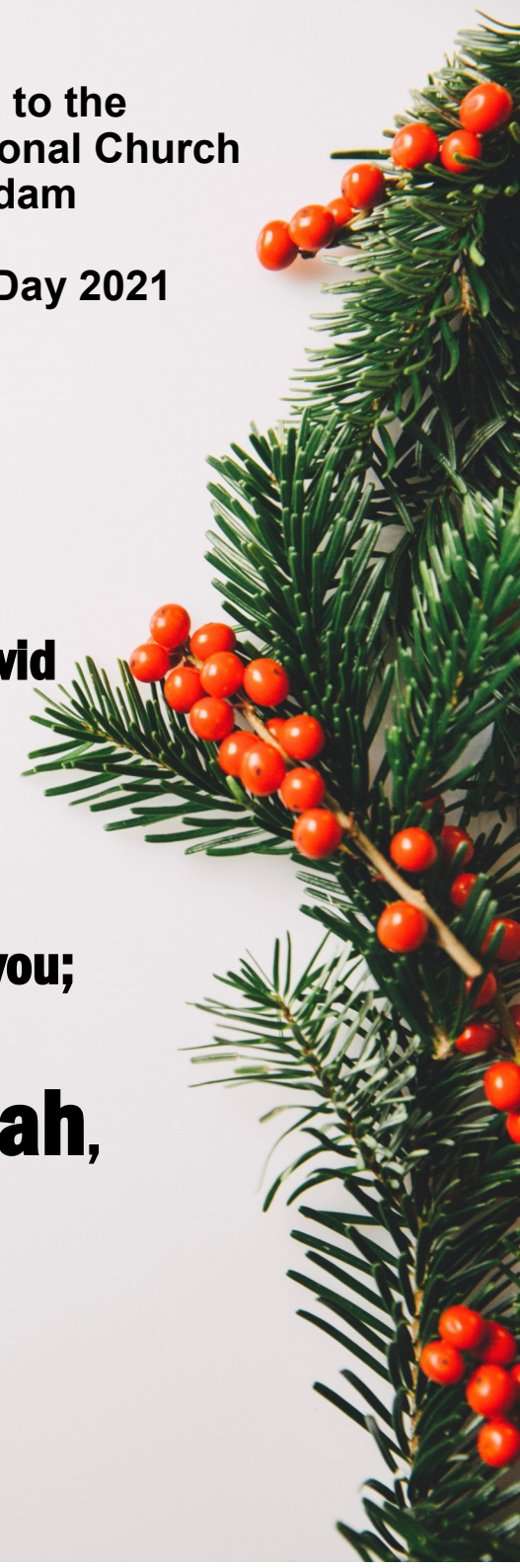
in the town of David

a Saviour

has been born to you;

he is the Messiah,

the Lord.



Welcome

The Christ Light

*The lighting of our fifth and final candle - the Christ Candle - symbolizes that our Longing, Waiting, Hoping and Praying has not be in vain. God has come in Jesus. The promise of God returning in Jesus is not diminished by the passing of years and so we continue to Long, Wait, Hope and Pray...
...for the day of the Lord*

CH4 543 (chorus only)

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

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Call to worship

Leader

The angels have flown
The shepherds tend their sheep once more
The child nestles in the hay
The mother rests from her labours
The father soaks in the mystery

Response

As the dawn breaks
And a new day and reality beckons
We gather around the manger
To worship Emmanuel - God with us

Musical item: Jan-Hendrik and Jaco: Joy to the world

CH4 306

1. O come all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him,
born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

2. God of God,
Light of light,
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created:
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God
in the highest':
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
now in flesh appearing:
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Latin (18th century) tr. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880)

Prayer

1. Crackers and turkeys
and pudding and cream,
toys in the windows
that I've never seen.
This is the Christmas
that everyone sees,
but Christmas means more to me.
*It's somebody's birthday
I won't forget,
as I open the things that I get.
I'll remember the inn
and the stable so bare,
and Jesus who once lay there.*

2. People out shopping
late every night,
For candles and presents
and Christmas tree lights.
This is the Christmas
that everyone sees,
But Christmas means more to me.
*It's somebody's birthday
I won't forget,
As I open the things that I get.
I'll remember the inn
and the stable so bare,
And Jesus who once lay there.*

3. Christmas morning,
the start of the day,
presents to open
and new games to play.
This is the Christmas
that everyone sees,
But Christmas means more to me.
It's somebody's birthday...

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Reading: Luke 2:1-21 - Ruud Witte

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. 21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

Musical Item

Jan-Hendrik and Jaco: Silent night and We three kings