The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
upon them the light has dawned.

You have increased their joy and given them great gladness;
they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest.

For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them;
the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.

For to us a child is born and to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder.

And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor;
the Mighty God; the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom
to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.

From this time forth and for evermore
the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9.2,3b,4a,6,7

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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