1 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.

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

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

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

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

6 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,

7 Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.

8 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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