

International Christmas Carol Service

★ ★ ★ ★ Tværkulturelt Center ★ ★ ★ ★
★ Fredens Kirke ★ Thursday 15th December 2022 ★

Timothy Stewart, pastor
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Peter Prasadam, reader
St. Alban's Anglican Church

Christmas Mobarak

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Glædelig jul

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Piano/Keyboard:
Roger Munck-Fairwood

Solo

*Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.*

(2) He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all;
and his shelter was a stable
and his cradle was a stall:
with the meek and poor and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

(3) Not in that poor lowly stable
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high.
There his children gather round
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Welcome and opening prayer

Timothy Stewart, pastor, ICC

(1) Christmas carol: Away in a manger

1st Bible reading: Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7 (Old Testament Prophecy)

English: Abel Zehmret Kidane (Eritrea) • Persian/Farsi: Ahmad Omid (Iran)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. ... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

(2) Christmas carol: Silent night, holy night

Music: Christmas in Ukraine (I)

Natalia Pylypenko, violin, and Yuliia Zhukova, piano

2nd Bible reading: Luke 2:1-7 The Birth of Jesus

English: Apam Muivad (Thai Church) • Persian/Farsi: Ali Gholami (Iran)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. 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. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 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.



(3) Arabic Christmas carol: Leilat Eid, Leilat Eid (we sing together)

Solo: Walida Sabo Beboo (Iraq)



Christmas song in Tigrinya

Abel Zehmret Kidane (Eritrea)

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Thai dance

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3rd Bible reading: Luke 2:8-14 The Shepherds

English: Roger Munck-Fairwood (UK) • Persian/Farsi: Shirin (Iran/Center Avnstrup)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Christmas reflection *Peter Prasadam, St. Alban's Anglican Church (UK)*

Music: Christmas in Ukraine (II)

Natalia Pylypenko, violin, and Yuliia Zhukova, piano

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Christmas carol in Kirundi

Nadege Mugiraneza and John Bizomenya, Zion Temple Celebration Center (Burundi)

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Christmas carols in Chinese

Members of Chinese Church in Copenhagen

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The Lord's Prayer *We pray together in our own language (Timothy Stewart)*

Benediction *Timothy Stewart, pastor, International Church of Copenhagen*

And may the humility of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
be God's gift to you, this Christmas and always. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen.

(4) Christmas carol: Long time ago in Bethlehem

Christmas songs in Persian/Farsi

Members of Omid Choir

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Closing music from Ukraine

Natalia Pylypenko, violin, and Yuliia Zhukova, piano

THANK YOU *Timothy Stewart, pastor, International Church of Copenhagen*



Please join us after the service for Danish *juleboller*, Roger's homemade English mince pies, fruit, glögg, tea and coffee in the church hall.

W E L C O M E !