

International Christmas Carol Service

★ ★ ★ ★ Tværkulturelt Center ★ ★ ★ ★
★ Fredens Kirke ★ Thursday 14th December 2023 ★

*Timothy Stewart, pastor
International Church of Copenhagen*

Christmas Mobarak
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على الأرض السّلام
Glædelig jul
щасливого Різдва

*Piano/Keyboard:
Roger Munck-Fairwood*

Solo (Majken Rokni)

*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: Roger Munck-Fairwood (UK)

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.

Music: Christmas in Ukraine (I)

Natalia Pylypenko, violin, and Yuliia Zhukova, piano

(2) Christmas carol: Silent night, holy night

Christmas Song: Mary, did you know?

Majken Rokni (DK)

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

English: Roger Munck-Fairwood (UK) • Persian/Farsi: Mikael Ghabremani (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

Simret Yosief and Salam, Bethel Church Denmark (Eritrea)

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Two Christmas songs: O Holy Night / Angels we have heard on high

Rina Waco (Japan)

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Meri Kurisumasu

Merry Christmas

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

English: Roger Munck-Fairwood (UK) • Chinese: Sister Ma, Chinese Church in Copenhagen

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 song in Malayalam *Liya Eldhose, Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church (India)*

Music: Christmas in Ukraine (II)

Natalia Pylypenko, violin, and Yuliia Zhukova, piano

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Christmas song in Portugese

Gustavo (Brazil)

Feliz natal

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Christmas carols in Chinese

Members of Chinese Church in Copenhagen

圣诞节快乐

Prayer in Farsi and Danish *Fayeza Ghabremani Pour*

Shèngdàn jié kuàilè

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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.

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(4) Christmas carol: Long time ago in Bethlehem

Christmas song in Ukranian

Samara (Ukraine)

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Shchaslyvoho Rizdva

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Closing music from Ukraine (III)

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, date and walnut loaf, fruit, glögg, tea and coffee in the church hall.

WELCOME!