

Deacon's Beacons

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Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:8-14

I usually allow a program to select a passage but it is Christmas. This is the core of the meaning of Christmas speech by Linus in "A Charlie Brown Christmas." It is unfortunate that it is not as widely viewed as it once was. The message remains unchanged but the need for the message has increased so very much. This is the heart of why Christmas is so important to us. We can never forget or overlook that. And we have a right to let people know why we feel that way.

Nollaig shon duit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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