

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
and they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

(Thanks be to God)