

# Canticle of Zechariah (Benedictus)

Luke 1:68-69

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
He has come to His people  
and set them free. He has raised up  
for us a mighty savior, born of the  
house of His servant David.

Through His holy prophets  
He promised of old that He  
would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to  
our fathers and to remember His  
holy covenant.

This was the oath He swore to our  
father Abraham: to set us free from  
the hands of our enemies, free  
to worship Him without fear,  
holy and righteous in His sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the  
prophet of the Most High, for  
you will go before the Lord  
to prepare His way, to give His

people knowledge of salvation by  
the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death, and to guide our  
feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is  
now and ever shall be. World without end.  
Amen.