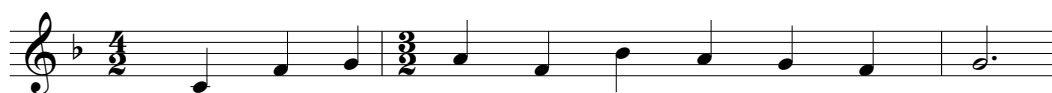


# CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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1. Blest be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el,
2. The proph - ets tell a sto - ry just be - gun
3. This is the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham:
4. And, you, my child, this day you shall be called
5. The ten - der love God prom - ised from our birth



1. Who brings the dawn and dark - est night dis - pels,
2. Of van - quished foe and glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
3. All shall be free to dwell up - on the land,
4. The prom - ised one, the proph - et of our God,
5. Is soon to dawn up - on this shad - owed earth,



1. Who rais - es up a might - y sav - ior from the earth,
2. Of prom - ise made to all who keep the law as guide:
3. Free now to praise, un - harmed by the op - pres - sor's rod,
4. For you will go be - fore the Lord to clear the way,
5. To shine on those whose sor - rows seem to nev - er cease,



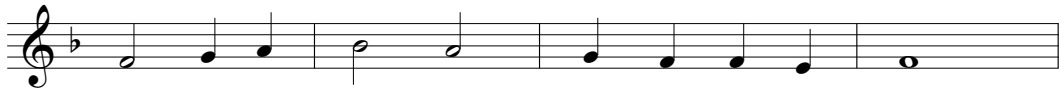
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2. God's faith - ful love and mer - cy will a - bide.
3. Ho - ly and right - eous in the sight of God.
4. And shep - herd all in - to the light of day.
5. To guide our feet in - to the path of peace.

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## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH



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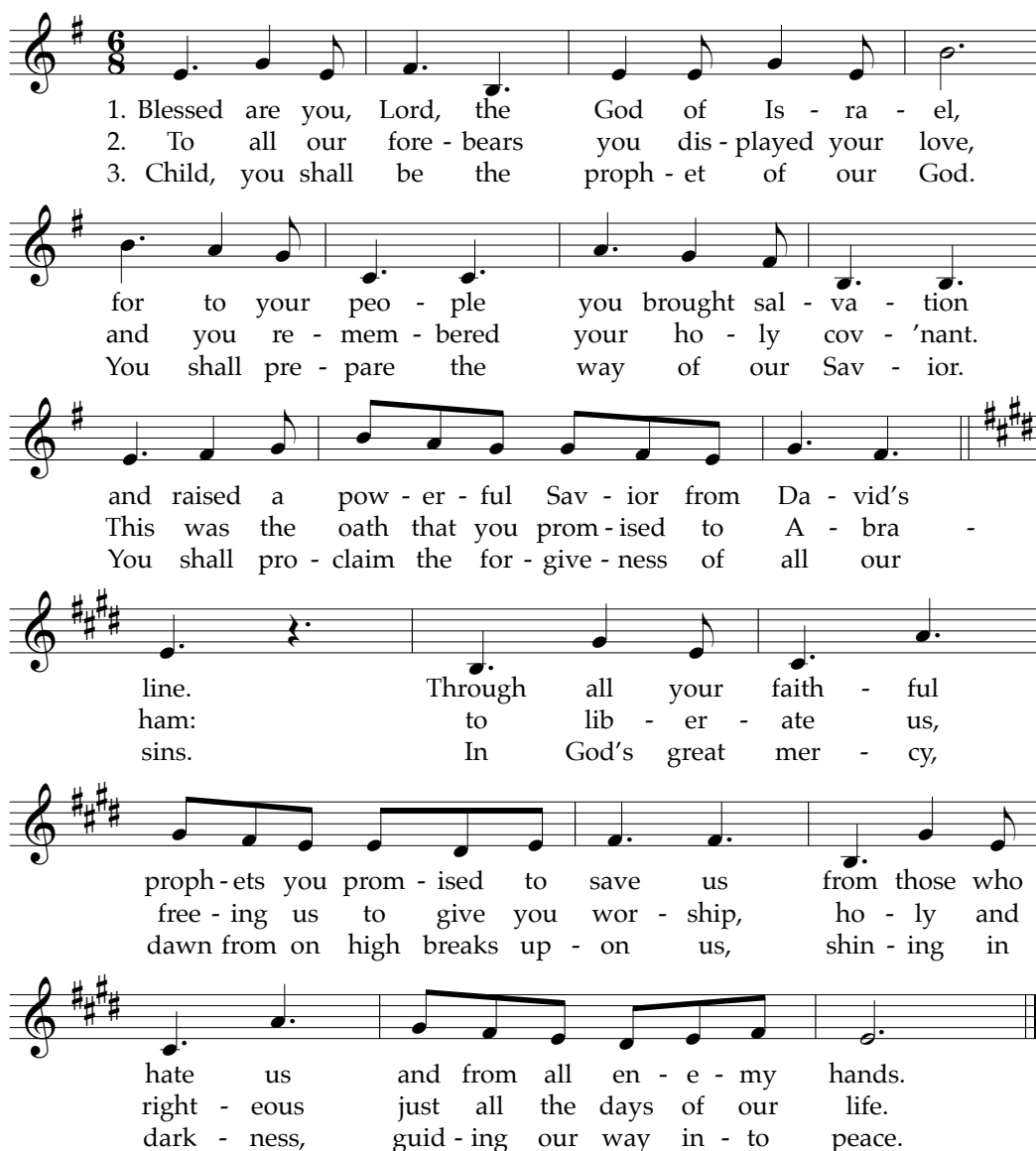
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 2. To all our fore - bears you dis - played your love,  
 3. Child, you shall be the proph - et of our God.

for to your peo - ple you brought sal - va - tion  
 and you re - mem - bered your ho - ly cov - 'nant.  
 You shall pre - pare the way of our Sav - ior.

and raised a pow - er - ful Sav - ior from Da - vid's  
 This was the oath that you prom - ised to A - bra -  
 You shall pro - claim the for - give - ness of all our

line. Through all your faith - ful  
 ham: to lib - er - ate us,  
 sins. In God's great mer - cy,

proph - ets you prom - ised to save us from those who  
 free - ing us to give you wor - ship, ho - ly and  
 dawn from on high breaks up - on us, shin - ing in

hate us and from all en - e - my hands.  
 right - eous just all the days of our life.  
 dark - ness, guid - ing our way in - to peace.

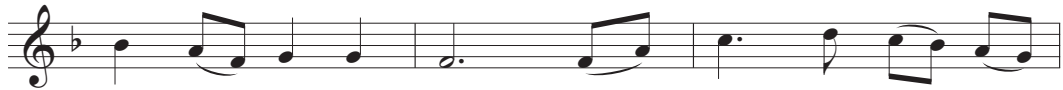
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# CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH



1. Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, who comes in  
 2. Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God res - cues  
 3. In ten - der mer - cy, God will send the day - spring

love and pow'r, who rais - es from the roy - al house de -  
 us from fear, that we might serve in ho - li - ness and  
 from on high, our ris - ing sun, the light of life for

liv - 'rance in this hour. Through ho - ly proph - ets  
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from the heav - y hand of all who wish us harm.  
 know the ten - der love, the grace of God most high.  
 to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

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# CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

1. Be blest, O God of Is - ra - el, for you have  
 2. Then let us go be - fore the Lord as proph - ets  
 3. So let us praise the liv - ing God who leads us

come to set us free, just as you prom - ised from of  
 to pre - pare the way, an - nounc - ing mer - cy from our  
 out from dark of night. Let grate - ful hearts give thanks for

old to save us from the en - e - my. So you are  
 God: the dawn of ev - er - last - ing day. You bring the  
 love that brings us once a - gain to light. Praise God, the

faith - ful to your word, the prom - ise made to  
 ris - ing sun to us, and jus - tice that will  
 au - thor of all things; praise Christ, re - deem - er

a - ges past: that we might serve you free from  
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 of our race; and praise the bond their lov - ing

fear as long as life and time shall last.  
 spair and guide our feet in paths of peace.  
 brings, the Spir - it, source of life and grace.

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# CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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1. Be blest, O God of Is - ra - el, for you have
2. So you are faith - ful to your word, the prom - ise
3. Then let us go be - fore the Lord as proph - ets
4. You bring the ris - ing sun to us, and jus - tice
5. So let us praise the liv - ing God who leads us



1. come to set us free, just as you prom - ised from
2. made to a - ges past: that we might serve you free
3. to pre - pare the way, an - nounc - ing mer - cy from
4. that will nev - er cease. You res - cue us from death's
5. out from dark of night. Let grate - ful hearts give thanks



1. of old to save us from the en - e - my.
2. from fear as long as life and time shall last.
3. our God: the dawn of ev - er - last - ing day.
4. de - spair and guide our feet in paths of peace.
5. for love that brings us once a - gain to light.

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## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH



1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el who
2. Blest be the prom - ise that was known through
3. Blest be the ho - ly cov - e - nant and
4. Blest be the Child, the ho - ly voice, who



1. comes to set us free, who rais - es up sal -
2. an - cient proph - e - cy, that God would keep us
3. those who first be - lieved. We free - ly wor - ship
4. cries, "Pre - pare the way!" The Day - spring of our



1. va - tion's source from Da - vid's root and tree.
2. safe from harm, deal with us merci - ful - ly.
3. God whose name our an - ces - tors re - ceived.
4. God will break and peace shine forth in praise.

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# CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el Who
2. The proph - ets sang that God would come And
3. God's might - y arm shall set us free To
4. O Child, you shall pre - pare the way, God's
5. As dawn brings hope to those in gloom When



1. saves and sets us free; From Da - vid's house a
2. shat - ter ha - tred's might; The prom - ise made to
3. wor - ship with - out fear, So good and right - eous
4. proph - et you shall be, And speak sal - va - tion's
5. fear and sad - ness cease, God's mer - cy lights our



1. Sav - ior comes To end all tyr - an - ny.
2. A - bra - ham Ful - filled with - in our sight.
3. we might be And faith - ful year to year.
4. heal - ing word: God's won - drous ju - bi - lee.
5. fail - ing hearts And guides our feet to peace.

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# CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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1. O cho - sen chil - dren, Is - ra - el, bring thank - ful  
 2. The proph - et's lips had long fore - told this lib - er -  
 3. God here re - calls the cov - e - nant, un - shack - les

prais - es now; a sav - ior blooms on Da - vid's tree, a  
 ty from foes, whose hate - ful grasp would seek our fall, our  
 us from fear; the prom - ise made to A - bra - ham shines,

roy - al, sa - cred bough. The dawn - ing Sun shall  
 work for God op - pose. Yet dawn - ing Sun a -  
 lu - mi - nous and clear. For dawn - ing Sun, for

rise on us, a Day of last - ing light, God's vis - it -  
 ris - es strong, the Day of last - ing light, so we, in  
 God Most High, for Day of last - ing light, you are a

a - tion sets us free from nev - er - end - ing night.  
 ho - ly jus - tice, serve and wor - ship in God's sight.  
 her - ald, ho - ly child, our guide to peace and right.

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# CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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1. Blessed are you, O Lord Al-might - y! Un - to Is - ra -  
 2. Mer - cy came to our an - ces - tors, ho - ly cov - e -  
 3. Child, you shall pre - pare a path - way, proph - et of our



el you came, brought re - demp - tion to your peo - ple,  
 nant was made; oath to A - bra - ham you hon - ored:  
 God most high; bring us word, "The Lord for - gives you,



saved us in your ho - ly name. House of Da - vid,  
 "Loved of God, be not a - fraid!" Freed from those who  
 now is your sal - va - tion nigh!" You, O God, will



cho - sen ser - vant, sees the proph - e - cy ful - filled: all who  
 seek to harm us, we may serve you with - out fear, all our  
 come to save us in the shades of death and night: from our



hate us will not tri - umph, we are res - cued as you willed.  
 days in ho - ly jus - tice, in your love, till you ap - pear.  
 sins you lib - er - ate us, lead our steps to peace and light.

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## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH



1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to  
 2. Now from the house of Da - vid a child of  
 3. Where once were fear and dark - ness the sun be -

set us free, Who vis - its and re - deems us, and  
 grace is giv'n; A Sav - iour comes a - mong us to  
 gins to rise, The dawn-ing of for - give - ness up -

grants us lib - er - ty. The proph - ets spoke of  
 raise us up to heav'n. Be - fore him goes the  
 on the sin - ners' eyes, To guide the feet of

mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease; God shall ful -  
 her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way: The proph-et  
 pil - grims a - long the paths of peace: O bless our

fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.  
 of sal - va - tion, the mes - sen - ger of Day.  
 God and Sav - iour with songs that nev - er cease!

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1. Blest be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el
2. A cov - e - nant was made with A - bra - ham
3. Thus free from all who wish to see us fall
4. You, ti - ny babe, will roar with God's own Word,
5. The Ris - ing Sun dis - pels the dark of night



1. whose won - drous vis - it res - cues us.
2. and an - cient proph - ets told the tale.
3. now we can safe - ly serve our God,
4. a sound to take our breath a - way.
5. and, fac - ing death, de - stroy - ing fear,



1. De - layed so long we thought all hope was lost;
2. With burn - ing hearts they spoke of what would be;
3. Sur - round - ed by a love we can - not doubt,
4. We know the Prom - ised One is come at last;
5. The haunt - ing shad - ows van - ished in the light,



1. from Dav - id's house the Sav - ior comes.
2. our God would guard us from our foes.
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4. our ten - der God for - gives us all.
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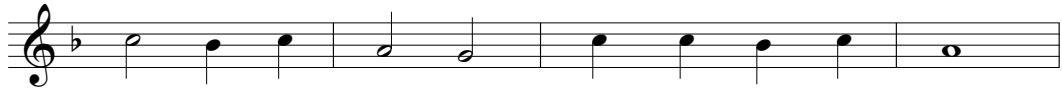
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# CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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1. Blessed are you, O Lord Al - might - y! Un - to Is - ra -  
 2. Mer - cy came to our an - ces - tors, ho - ly cov - e -  
 3. Child, you shall pre - pare a path - way, proph - et of our

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tri - umph, we are res - cued as you willed.  
 jus - tice, in your love, till you ap - pear.  
 ate us, lead our steps to peace and light.

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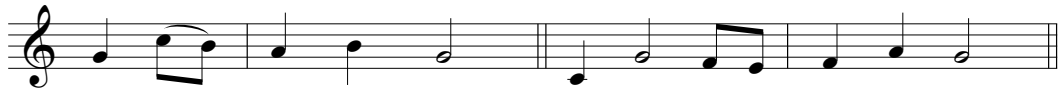
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1. Blessed are you, O Lord our God! Un - to Is - ra -
2. Mer - cy to your peo - ple came, ho - ly cov - e -
3. You, my child, shall lead the way, proph - et of our



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## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

1. Blest are you, O Lord our God! You have come to Is - ra -  
 2. Now, O Child, you come to us as a proph - et of our

el: come in pow - er, come to save us; you are  
 God: speak - ing wis - dom, show - ing glo - ry, and pre -

here now to set us free! By your proph - ets you did say  
 par - ing the way of God! Tell the peo - ple of God's love,

you would save us from our foes. You made good your prom - ised  
 bid them turn from wick - ed ways. Speak with pow - er and with

word in your ho - ly cov - e - nant. So you swore to us an  
 truth, tell how God for - gives our sins. Now the ten - der love of

oath, we could wor - ship with - out fear, and be ho - ly,  
 God comes up - on us like the dawn: shines up - on us,

and be right - eous: this your prom - ise made to A - bra - ham.  
 melt - ing dark - ness, shows us how to find the way of peace.

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VERSES 1, 3, 5



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, the ev - er  
 3. Of old you gave your sol - emn oath to fa - ther  
 5. The ris - ing sun shall shine on us to bring the

liv - ing Lord; You come in pow'r to save your own, your  
 A - bra - ham, Whose seed a might-y race should be and  
 light of day To all who sit in dark - est night and

peo - ple Is - ra - el. For Is - ra - el you  
 blest for - ev - er - more. You vowed to set your  
 shad - ow of the grave. Our foot - steps God shall

now raise up sal - va - tion's tow'r on high In Da - vid's  
 peo - ple free from fear of ev - 'ry foe, That we might  
 safe - ly guide to walk the ways of peace; Whose name for -

house who reigned as king and ser - vant of the Lord.  
 serve you all our days in good - ness, love and peace.  
 ev - er - more be blest, who lives and loves and saves.

*Fine*

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VERSES 2, 4

2. Through ho - ly proph - ets did you speak your word in  
 4. O ti - ny child, your name shall be the proph - et

days of old, That you would save us from our foes and  
 of the Lord; The way of God you shall pre - pare to

all who bear us ill. On Si - nai's mount you  
 make God's com - ing known. You shall pro - claim to

gave to us your cov - e - nant of love; So with us  
 Is - ra - el sal - va - tion's dawn - ing day, When God shall

now you keep your word in love that knows no end.  
 wipe a - way all sins with mer - cy and with love.

*to Verses 3, 5*