

Benedictus *Luke 1: 68-79*

*The prophecy of the old priest Zechariah at the naming of his son,
who was to become John the Baptist.*



- 1 Blessèd be the Lord the | God of Israel:
who has come to his | people • and | set them | free.
 - 2 The Lord has raised up for us a | mighty | saviour:
born of the | house of • his | servant | David.
 - 3 Through the holy prophets God | promised of | old:
to save us from our enemies
from the | hands of | those who | hate us,
 - 4 to show | mercy • to our | forebears:
and to re | member • his | holy | covenant.
 - 5 This was the oath God swore to our | father | Abraham:
to set us | free • from the | hand of • our | enemies.
 - 6 Free to worship him with | out | fear:
holy and righteous before him | all the | days of • our | life.
 - 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the | Most | High:
for you will go before the | Lord • to pre | pare his | way.
 - 8 To give his people knowledge | of sal | vation:
by the for | giveness • of | all their | sins.
 - 9 In the tender compassion | of our | God:
the dawn from on | high shall | break up | on us.
 - 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the | shadow of | death:
and to guide our feet | into • the | way of | peace.
- Glory to the Father and | to the | Son:
and | to the | Holy | Spirit:
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now:
and shall be for | ever. | A- | men.