



HYMNS

THE BENEDICTUS — CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

The Canticle of Zechariah (Lk 1:68–79)

Sung every morning at Lauds



LATIN

Benedíctus Dóminus Deus Israel,
quia visitávit et fecit redemptionem plebis
suæ,
et eréxit cornu salútis nobis
in domo David púeri sui,
sicut locútus est per os sanctórum,
qui a sáculo sunt, prophetárum eius,
salútem ex inimícis nostris,
et de manu ómnium qui odérunt nos;
ad faciéndam misericórdiam cum pátribus
nostris,
et memorári testaménti sui sancti,
iusiurándum quod iurávit ad Abraham
patrem nostrum,
datúrum se nobis,
ut sine timóre, de manu inimicórum
nostrórum liberáti,
serviámus illi
in sanctitáte et iustítia coram ipso,
ómnibus diébus nostris.
Et tu, puer, prophéta Altíssimi vocáberis:
præíbis enim ante fáciem Dómini paráre
vias eius,
ad dandam sciéntiam salútis plebi eius

ENGLISH

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;
because he hath visited and wrought the
redemption of his people,
and hath raised up an horn of salvation to
us,
in the house of David his servant,
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy
prophets,
who are from the beginning:
salvation from our enemies,
and from the hand of all that hate us;
to perform mercy to our fathers,
and to remember his holy testament,
the oath which he swore to Abraham our
father,
that he would grant to us,
that being delivered from the hand of our
enemies,
we may serve him without fear,
in holiness and justice before him,
all our days.
And thou, child, shalt be called the
prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the



in remissionem peccatorum eorum,
per viscera misericordiae Dei nostri,
in quibus visitavit nos oriens ex alto,
illuminare his qui in tenebris et in umbra
mortis sedent,
ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto.
Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper,
et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.



Lord to prepare his ways;
to give knowledge of salvation to his
people,
unto the remission of their sins,
through the bowels of the mercy of our
God,
in which the Orient from on high hath
visited us,
to enlighten them that sit in darkness and
in the shadow of death,
to direct our feet into the way of peace.

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

