

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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 Saviour,
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
Lord
The dawn from 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 to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.

Amen.