

3 Blessed Be the God of Israel

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2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3. My child, as proph - et of the Lord, you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989
MUSIC: Traditional English melody

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MUSIC: English folk tune, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams. 1872-1958

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† This canticle is especially appropriate for services that focus on the Old Testament prophecies of Christ. This text, based on the song of Zechariah (Luke 1), is also known as the *Benedictus* (the first word in the Latin translation of this text).

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