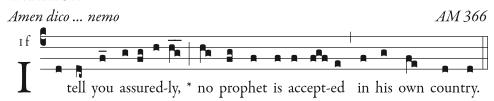
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LUKE 1: 68–79 CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

B LÉSSED be the Lórd, the Gód of Ísrael, * he has cóme to his péople and sét them frée.

He has ráised up for ús a mighty sávior, * bórn of the hóuse of his sérvant Dávid.

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 prómised to show mércy to our fáthers * and to remémber his hóly cóvenant.

This was the óath he swóre to our fáther Ábraham: *
to set us frée from the hánds of our énemies,
free to wórship him wíthout féar, †

hóly and ríghteous in his síght * all the dáys of our lífe.

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 péople knowledge of salvation * by the forgíveness of their síns.

In the ténder compássion of our Gód, *
the dáwn from on hígh shall bréak upon ús,
to shíne on thóse who dwell in dárkness and the shádow of déath, *
and to guíde our féet into the wáy of péace.