

34 BLESSED BE THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL

BENEDICTUS
Irregular

Optional FA-BURDEN: Melody in Tenor

Plainsong: Mode V

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| 1. Blessed be the Lord, the God of | Is - rael | 1. |
| 2. He has raised up for us a | mighty Saviour | 2. |
| 3. as he promised by the lips of | holy men, | 3. |
| 4. A Saviour who would free us from | our foes, | 4. |
| 5. So his love for our fathers is | ful - filled | 5. |
| 6. He swore to Abraham our father to | grant us, | 6. |
| 7. we might serve him in holiness and | just - ice | 7. |
| 8. As for you, | little child, | 8. |
| 9. You shall go ahead of | the Lord | 9. |
| 10. to make known to his people their sal - | va - tion | 10. |
| 11. the loving-kindness of the heart of | our God | 11. |
| 12. He will give light to those in darkness/those who dwell in the shadow of | death | 12. |
| 13. Glory be to the Father and to | the Son | 13. |
| 14. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, | 14. |

Luke 1:68-79

Editor's note: The pointing of this Canticle is designed to work as comfortably as possible with both the chant (lower staff) and the optional FA-BURDEN. Due to the vagaries of English accentuation a flexible approach is required at all times.

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FA-BURDEN

The musical score consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody in the treble clef starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass line starts with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and E-flat3. The second system continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E-flat5, and F5, ending with a quarter rest. The bass line continues with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and E-flat3.

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| 1. | He has visited his people | and re - deemed them. | 2. |
| 2. | in the house of | David his ser - vant, | 3. |
| 3. | those who were his | prophets from of old. | 4. |
| 4. | from the hands of | all who hate us. | 5. |
| 5. | and his holy | cove - nant re - membered. | 6. |
| 6. | that free from fear, and saved from the | hands of our foes, | 7. |
| 7. | all the days of our life | in his pres - ence. | 8. |
| 8. | you shall be called a prophet of | God, the Most High. | 9. |
| 9. | to prepare his | ways be - fore him, | 10. |
| 10. | through forgiveness | of all their sins, | 11. |
| 11. | who visits us like the | dawn from on high. | 12. |
| 12. | and guide us into | the way of peace. | 13. |
| 13. | and to the | Ho - ly Spi - rit. | 14. |
| 14. | world with - | out end. A - men. | |