

Canticle of Zechariah

(Benedictus)

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Based on Luke 1:68–79

INTRO ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 104$)

C Gsus4 G Eb Fsus4 F C Em G7

Keyboard *mf*

VERSES

1. To God of Is - ra - el be praise, who saves us all from
 (2. The) mer - cy of our God has come, the prom - ise made to
 (3. Pre -) pare the way for Christ to come to save us, with the

C C C/E C Bb/D F C/E F

1. sin - ful ways. From Da - vid's house and fam - i - ly a Sav - ior comes to
 2. A - bra - ham; that we might serve God fear - less - ly, a ho - ly peo - ple,
 3. ris - ing sun. His light will shine and not grow dim, des - troy - ing death, through

G7 C C/E G Eb F C Em Dm/F

1. set us free, Our en - e - mies we need not fear, the proph - ets said, "The
 2. you and me. And you, my child, will proph - e - sy and make sal - va - tion
 3. life in him, and change the dark - ness in - to day, pro - claim - ing peace as

G7 C Dm Dm6/F C/E C C/B \flat F/A F Dm

1, 2 Final
 1. Lord is near!" 2. The 3. God's own way.
 2. known on high. 3. Pre -

1, 2 Final
 Gsus4 G C Am Dm7/C G7/B Gsus4 G C

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Capo 3: (A) (Esus4) (E) (C) (Dsus4) (D) (A) (C#m) (E7)
mf C Gsus4 G Eb Fsus4 F C Em G7

(Keyboard)

VERSES

(A) (A) (A/C#) (A) (G/B) (D) (A/C#) (D)
C C C/E C Bb/D F C/E F

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(E7) (A) (A/C#) (E) (C) (D) (A) (C#m) (Bm/D)
G7 C C/E G Eb F C Em Dm/F

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(E7) (A) (Bm) (Bm6/D) (A/C#) (A) (A/G) (D/F#) (D) (Bm)
G7 C Dm Dm6/F C/E C C/Bb F/A F Dm

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1, 2	Final
(Esus4) (E) (A)	(Esus4) (E) (A)
Gsus4 G C	Gsus4 G C
(F#m)	
Am	
(Bm7/A) (E7/G#)	
Dm7/C G7/B	

1. Lord is near!" 2. The 3. God's own way.
 2. known on high. 3. Pre -

Composer Notes

This Canticle of Zechariah can be found on two recordings, *Morning and Evening—Prayer for the Commute, Prayer for the Journey* (double CD 20099, songbook 20139), where it can be heard sung in five different ways, and *Glory Bound* (CD 20638, octavo packet 20639), a compilation of pieces from *Morning and Evening*.

It may be sung as the canticle at the end of Morning Prayer, or at any time as a song of praise—especially during Advent. It is particularly suitable for children. It has a strong melody, so it works well unaccompanied. If it is sung often, add variety by alternating the instrument parts. Vocal variety may be achieved by alternating men and women by verse or within each verse, like in the example below:

Men: To God of old we praise thee, who saves us all from sinful ways.
 Women: From David's house and family, a Savior comes to set us free.
 All: Our enemies we need not fear. The prophets said, "The Lord is near!"

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SAMPLE

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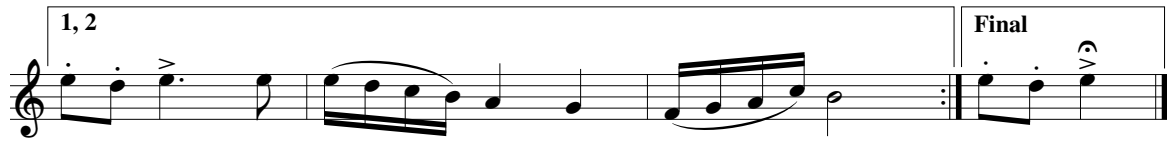
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SOLO INSTRUMENT II

INTRO (♩ = ca. 104)



VERSES 1-3



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2. A - bra - ham; that we might serve God fear - less - ly, a
3. ris - ing sun. His light will shine and not grow dim, des -



1. Sav - ior comes to set us free, Our en - e - mies we
2. ho - ly peo - ple, you and me. And you, my child, will
3. troy - ing death, through life in him, and change the dark - ness



1. need not fear, the proph - ets said, "The Lord is near!"
2. proph - e - sy and make sal - va - tion known on high.
3. in - to day, pro - claim - ing peace as God's own way.

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