

Song of Zechariah (VU 900)

Refrain: God shall fulfill the promise and bring the people peace.

Blessed be the God of Israel,
 who has come to the people and set them free,
who has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
 born of the house of the servant David.
Through the holy prophets of old
God promised to save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us,
to show the mercy promised to our ancestors,
 to remember the holy covenant,
 the oath God swore to our ancestors Abraham and Sarah,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 free to serve God without fear,
 holy and righteous in God's presence,
 all the days of our life. R

And you, child,
will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
 to give the people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 to shine on those who sit in darkness,
 in the shadow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace. R