



## Canticle of Zechariah

*LUKE 1:67-79*

*TRANSLATION*

“Blessed be the Lord,  
The God of Israel;  
He has come to His people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
Born of the house of His servant David.

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 promised to show mercy to our fathers  
And to remember His holy Covenant.

This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:  
To set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship Him without fear,  
Holy and righteous in His sight  
All the days of our life.

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 people knowledge of salvation  
By the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our Lord  
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness  
And the shadow of death,  
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

"Praise be to God!  
Thanks be to the Lord of Israel!  
He has come to us to bring deliverance.

He has raised up a mighty Helper,  
The very author of salvation  
For all the descendants of his servant, David.

It is just as the holy prophets predicted  
From even the most ancient time:  
That we would be delivered from our enemies  
And from those who persecute us.

God has confirmed his covenant of compassion,  
The pledge to Abraham and his heirs,  
That, having been delivered from our enemies,  
We might serve him without fear  
And grow to goodness and to righteousness,  
Living each day of our lives in his presence.

"And you, my little son:  
You shall be called 'The Prophet of The Highest.'  
You shall be a herald for our Lord,  
Preparing the way for him,  
Teaching salvation through forgiveness to his people,  
Through the loving compassion of our God.

"Heaven's dawn is about to break  
Bringing light to those in darkness,  
To those beneath Death's shadow.  
It will light our feet in the path of peace."