

SONG OF ZECHARIAH  
**BENEDICTUS**  
**DOMINUS**  
**DEUS**

Music by  
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SATB

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# SONG OF ZECHARIAH—BENEDICTUS DOMINUS DEUS

SATB and organ

Luke 1:68–79

Craig Phillips

*Allegro animato* (♩ = ca. 100)

Organ *mp* [Choir + Sw. (Tpt. 8'), box closed]

4

*mf*

7

*f*

add Ped. reeds

10

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S. *f* Bless - ed be the Sov - ereign God of Is - ra - el,

A. *f* Bless - ed be the Sov - ereign God of Is - ra - el,

T. *f* Bless - ed be the Sov - ereign God of Is - ra - el,

B. *f* Bless - ed be the Sov - ereign God of Is - ra - el,

*mf* [reduce Ped.]

17

who has looked fav - or - a - bly on the peo - ple and re -

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5

21

deemed them.

deemed them.

deemed them.

deemed them.

*mf*

24

*f* God has raised up a might - y

*f* God has raised up a might - y

*f* God has raised up a might - y

*f* God has raised up a might - y

God has raised up a might - y

solo Tpt. 8'



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33

36

*mp* as God spoke through the mouth of the

*mp* as God spoke through the mouth of the

*mp* as God spoke

*mp* as God spoke

*a tempo*

7

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8

39

ho - ly proph-ets from of old,  
ho - ly proph-ets from of old,  
—through the mouth of the ho - ly proph-ets from of old,  
—through the mouth of the ho - ly proph-ets from of old,  
Man. only

42

*mf* that we would be saved from our en - - - e -  
*mf* that we would be saved from our en -  
*mf* that we would be saved from our  
*mf* that we would be saved  
add

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45 9

mies, and from the  
e - mies, and from the  
en - - - e - mies, and from the  
from our en - - - e - mies, and from the

48

hand of all who hate us.  
hand of all who hate us.  
hand of all who hate us.  
hand of all who hate us.

*poco rit. a tempo*  
*ff f mf*

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10  
52

*poco. rit.*  
*mp*  
reduce

57

*a tempo, a little slower*  
*mp*

T.  
8

Thus God has shown the mer - cy prom - ised to our

B.  
*mp*

Thus God has shown the mer - cy prom - ised to our

*a tempo, a little slower*  
*p*

61

an - ces - tors, \_\_\_\_\_ and has re -

an - ces - tors, \_\_\_\_\_ and has re -

*mp*

*mp*

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65 *mf* 11

mem-bered God's ho - ly cov - en-ant, the oath that God swore to our an - ces - tor

mem-bered God's ho - ly cov - en-ant, the oath that God swore to our an - ces - tor

68

Ab - ra - ham, to grant us that we, be - ing

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71

res - cued from the hands of our en - e - mies, might

res - cued from the hands of our en - e - mies, might

74

serve God with - out fear, in ho - li - ness and

serve God with - out fear, in ho - li - ness and

+ soft 32'

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77

right - eous - ness be - fore God all our

right - eous - ness be - fore God all our

*rall.*

80

Tempo I

days.

days.

Tempo I

*f*

*mf*

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14  
83

*a little faster, floating*  
*p*

S. And you, child, — will be called the proph - et of the Most

A. And you, child, — will be called the proph - et of the Most

*mp* *p*

87

High, for you will go be - fore God to pre -

High, for you will go be - fore God to pre -

R.H. Clarinet solo

90

pare — God's ways; — to give

pare — God's ways; — to give

*mp* *mp*

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93 15

knowl - edge of sal - va - tion to the peo - ple by the for -  
knowl - edge of sal - va - tion to the peo - ple by the for -

*mp*

97

*poco rit.* *p* *a tempo, slower*  
give - ness of their sins.  
give - ness of their sins.

*poco rit.* *p*

*poco rit.* *a tempo, slower* *molto rall.* *a tempo* (♩ = ca. 104)

[celestes] *p* [add]

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101

*mp* Warmly

By the

*mp* Warmly

By the

*mp*

*poco. rit.*

Warmly  
*a tempo*

105

ten - der mer - cy of God, the dawn from on high will break - up -

ten - der mer - cy of God, the dawn from on high will break - up -

The musical score consists of five systems. The first system (measures 101-104) features vocal lines for Soprano and Alto, and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes triplets and a *poco. rit.* marking. The second system (measures 105-108) continues the vocal lines with lyrics and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes triplets and a *Warmly a tempo* marking. The score is in the key of D major and 3/4 time.

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109

on us, to give light to those who sit in

to give light to those who sit in

on us, to give light to those who sit in

to give light to those who sit in

*mf*

*mp*

113

night and in the sha - dow of death, to guide our

night and in the sha - dow of death, to guide our

night and in the sha - dow of death, to guide our

night and in the sha - dow of death, to guide our

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*ppp*

*a little freely*

*a tempo*

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117 *mp*

feet in - to the way of peace. *rall.*

feet in - to the way of peace.

feet in - to the way of peace.

feet in - to the way of peace.

*mp*

*rall.*

120 *pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*a tempo* [registration as at beginning]

*mp*

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Piano accompaniment for measures 123-125. The music features a complex rhythmic pattern with many triplets in both the right and left hands. The dynamic marking is *mf*.

Piano accompaniment for measures 126-128. The music continues with complex rhythmic patterns and triplets. The dynamic marking is *mf*.

Vocal staves for measures 129-131. The lyrics are: "Glo - - - ry to the Fa - - - ther,". The dynamic marking is *f*.

S. Glo - - - ry to the Fa - - - ther,  
A. Glo - - - ry to the Fa - - - ther,  
T. Glo - - - ry to the Fa - - - ther,  
B. Glo - - - ry to the Fa - - - ther,

Piano accompaniment for measures 132-134. The music features complex rhythmic patterns and triplets. The dynamic marking is *f*.

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20  
132

and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

135

Spir - - - it; as it was

Spir - - - it; as it

Spir - - - it; as it was

Spir - - - it; as it

mf

mf

mf

mf

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138

in the be - gin - ning, is now, and  
was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
in the be - gin - ning is now and  
was in the be - gin - ning is now and

141

will be for ev - er, will be for ev - er, A - men.  
and will be, will be for ev - er, A - men.  
will be for ev - er will be for ev - er, A - men.  
will be for ev - er, will be for ev - er, A - men.

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The musical score is divided into two systems. The first system (measures 144-150) features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes several triplet passages in the bass line. The second system (measures 147-150) shows the vocal line continuing with the lyrics "A - - - - men." and the piano accompaniment. The piano part continues with triplet passages. The score is written in 2/4 time and includes dynamic markings such as *ff*.

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150

*Allargando*

*fff*

*fff*

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