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Benedictus Dominus Deus (Song of Zechariah)
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SONG OF ZECHARIAH
BENEDICTUS
DOMINUS
DEUS

Music by

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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 -

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

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

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3 3 3 3

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27

Sav - - - ior, a Sav - ior for us *mf*

Sav - - - ior, a Sav - ior for us *mf*

Sav - - - ior, a Sav - ior for us *mf*

Sav - - - ior, a Sav - ior for us *mf*

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

30

in the house of God's ser - vant Da - - - - vid;

in the house of God's ser - vant Da - - - - vid;

in the house of God's ser - vant Da - - - - vid;

in the house of God's ser - vant Da - - - - vid;

[foundations only] *mp*

*r.h. optional solo through m. 37

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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

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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

f *f* *f* *f*

3 3 3 3

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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. _____

ff *f* *mf*

poco. rit. *a tempo*

3 3 3 3 3 3

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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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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

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.

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

poco. rit. Warmly
a tempo

mp

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 -

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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

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.
A.
T.
B.

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

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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 arranged in two systems. The first system (measures 144-150) features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a grand staff for piano accompaniment. The piano part includes complex textures with triplets and arpeggiated figures. The second system (measures 147-150) shows the vocalists singing the word 'men.' in a *ff* dynamic. The piano accompaniment continues with rhythmic patterns and triplets. A large diagonal watermark 'FOR REVIEW ONLY' is overlaid across the score.

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150

Allargando

fff

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