

Benedictus in B flat , Z 230/2

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(1659-1695)

Luke 1:68-79

Treble
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Continuo

Bles - sed be the Lord God of I - sra - el: for he hath vi - si - ted

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6 6 7 46 6 6

S
A
T
B

and re - dee - med his peo - ple. And hath rai - sed

and re - dee - med his peo - ple. And hath rai - sed up a migh - ty sal - va - tion for

and re - dee - med his peo - ple. And hath rai - sed up a migh - ty sal -

and re - dee - med his peo - ple. And hath rai - sed up a

6 6 5 6 5 6 2 6
5 4 4 3 6 5 4

S
A
T
B

up a migh - ty sal - va - tion for us: in the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

us, a migh - ty sal - va - tion for us: in the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

va - tion, a migh - ty sal - va - tion for us: in the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

migh - ty sal - va - ti - on for us: in the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

6 5 4 6 5 6 4 6 6 7
2 1 5 6 4 6 5 6

15

S *Dec.* As he spake by the mouth of his ho-ly Pro- phets: which have been

S *Can.* As he spake by the mouth of his ho-ly Pro- phets: which have been

A *Dec.* As he spake by the mouth of his ho-ly Pro- phets: which have been

B As he spake by the mouth of his ho-ly Pro - phets: which have been

6 # 7 5 6 3 6 6 6 5 6 6 6

4 #3 4 #3

20

S since the world be - gan.

S since the world be - gan.

A *Can.* since the world be - gan. That we should be sa-ved from our e- ne - mies:

T *Can.* That we should be sa-ved from our e- ne-mies:

B *Can.* That we should be sa-ved from our e - ne - mies: and

7 6 6 5 5 6 6 6 6 5 7 6 5

4 3 3 4 6 6 b3 4 b3

25

S *Chorus Dec.* To per-form the

A *Dec.* and from the hands of all that hate us. To per-

T *Dec.* and from the hands of all that hate us. To

B from the hands of all that hate us.

6 6 6 6 6 8 7 6 5

4 4 5 2 6 5 4 b3

S
mer-cy pro - mi - sed to our fore - fa - thers: and

A
form the mer-cy pro - mi - sed to our fore - fa - thers: and to

T
per - form the mer-cy pro - mi - sed to our fore - fa - thers: and to

B
Dec.
To per-form the mer-cy pro-mi-sed to our fore - fa - thers: and

b7 6 5 6 6 4 6 4 5 6

4 3 5 6 4 3 5 6

S
to re-mem-ber his ho - ly cov'-nant. To per-form the oath, the oath

A
re-mem - ber his ho - ly cov'-nant. To per-form the oath, the

T
re-mem - ber his ho - ly co - ve-nant. To per - form the

B
to re-mem - ber his ho - ly cov'-nant. To

Can.

Can.

Can.

Can.

4 6 7 6 4 7 4

S
which he sware to our fore-fa-ther A - bra - ham: that he, that he would

A
oath which he sware to our fore-fa-ther A - bra - ham: that he would

T
oath which he sware to our fore-fa-ther A - bra - ham: that he would

B
per-form the oath which he sware to our fore-fa-ther A - bra - ham: that he would

b7 6 5 6 6 4 #6 5 6 5 5 4 6 9 8 6 4 6

4 3 5 6 4 #3 5 #3 4 5

S give us. That we be-ing de - li - ver'd out of the hands of our e-

A give us. That we be-ing de - li - ver'd out of the hands of our

T give us. That we be-ing de - li - ver'd out of the hands of our

B give us. That we be-ing de - li - ver'd out of the hands of our

6 5
4 #3

4 7 6

40 S ne - mies: might serve him with-out fear. In ho-li - ness and righ-teous - ness

A e - ne-mies: might serve him with-out fear. In ho-li - ness and righ-teous - ness

T e - ne-mies: might serve him with-out fear. In ho-li - ness and righ-teous - ness

B e - ne - mies: might serve him with-out fear. In ho-li - ness and righ-teous - ness

6 5 4 7 6 6 5
4 #3 4 5 5 4 #3

Dec. 45 *Can.*

S *Full* be - fore him: all the days of our life. 50 *Canon 4 in 1*

A be - fore him: all the days of our life.

T be-fore him: all the days of our life. And thou,

B be - fore him: all the days of our life. And thou, Child, shalt be

5 6 7 6 # 4 7 6 6 7 4 3

S And thou, Child, shalt be call - ed the Pro - phet

A And thou, Child, shalt be call - ed the Pro - phet of the

T Child, shalt be call - ed the Pro - phet of the High'st: for

B call - ed the Pro - phet of the High'st for thou shalt go

5 6 6 6 5 5 6 5 6 6 5 6

55

S of the High'st: for thou shalt go be - fore the face,

A High'st: for thou shalt go be - fore the face, shalt go be -

T thou shalt go be - fore the face, shalt go be - fore the face of the

B be - fore the face, shalt go be - fore the face of the Lord to pre -

5 6 6 4 6 7 5 4 6 6 4 6

2 5 2 6 7 5 4 3

60 Verse Dec.

S shalt go be - fore the face of the Lord to pre - pare his ways. To give know - ledge

S To give know - ledge

A fore the face of the Lord to pre - pare his ways. To give know - ledge

T Lord to pre - pare, to pre - pare his ways.

B pare, to pre - pare his ways.

7 5 6 6 5 6 6 6 6 5 6 6

4 4 3 3 4 4 3 6 6

S of sal-va-tion un- to his peo-ple: for the re-mis-sion of their sins. Through the ten - der

S of sal-va-tion un-to his peo-ple: for the re-mis-sion of their sins. Through the ten-der

A of sal-va-tion un-to his peo-ple: for the re-mis - sion of their sins. Through the ten-der

6 6 6 4 #3 # # 5 6 6 5 4 #3 # 6 6

Can.

S mer-cy of our God: where-by the Day - spring from on high hath vi - si- ted us.

S mer-cy of our God: where-by the Day-spring from on high hath vi - si- ted us.

A mer-cy of our God: where - by the Day - spring from on high hath vi-si-ted us.

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

A *Dec.* To give light to them that sit in dark-ness: and in the sha- dow, the sha - dow

T *Dec.* To give light to them that sit in dark-ness: and in the sha - dow of

B *Dec.* To give light to them that sit in dark-ness: and in the sha - dow of

6 6 7 5 6 7 #3 7 6 6 6 #3 b7 5

A of death: and to guide our feet, and to guide our feet in -

T of death: and to guide our feet, and to guide our feet in -

B of death: and to guide our feet, to guide our feet in -

b6 4 #5 6 6 6 6 b5 4 4 4 4

80 Chorus

S
A
T
B

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther; and to the Son: and
to the way of peace. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther; and to the Son: and
to the way of peace. Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther; and to the
to the way of peace. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther; and to the Son: and

9 8 7 6 5 4 3 6 4 3 6 6 b7

85

S
A
T
B

to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is
to the Ho - ly Ghost, the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be -
Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be -
to the Ho - ly Ghost, the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be -

7 6 5 6 6 6 4 3 4 2 6 6

S
A
T
B

now and e-ver shall be: world with-out end. A- men.
gin-ning, is now and e-ver shall be: world with-out end. A - men.
gin-ning, is now and e-ver shall be: world with-out end. A- men.
gin-ning, is now and e-ver shall be: world with-out end. A- men.

6 4 6 6 b7 7 6 5 6 6 4 3