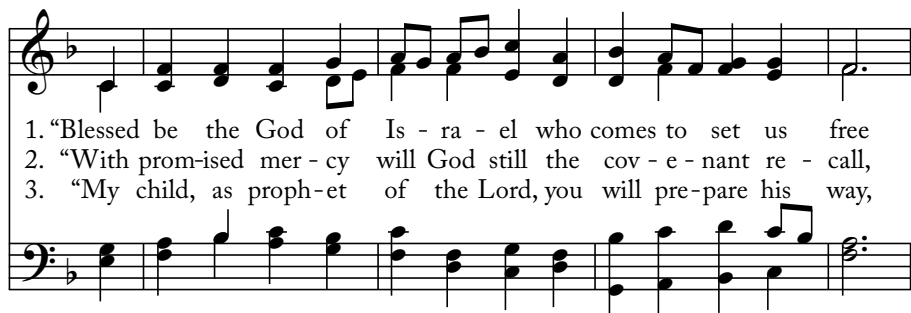
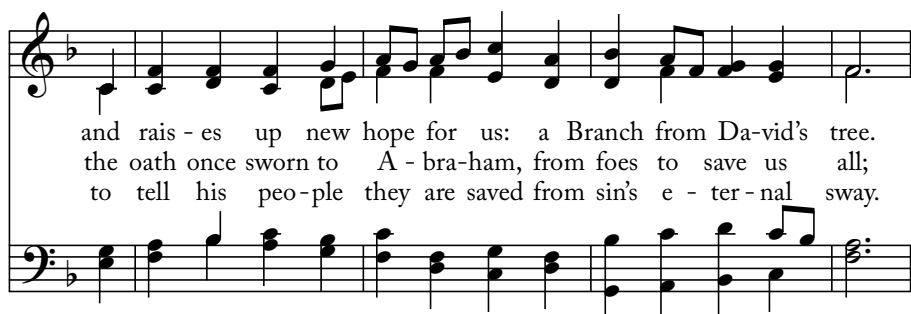


# Blessed Be the God of Israel

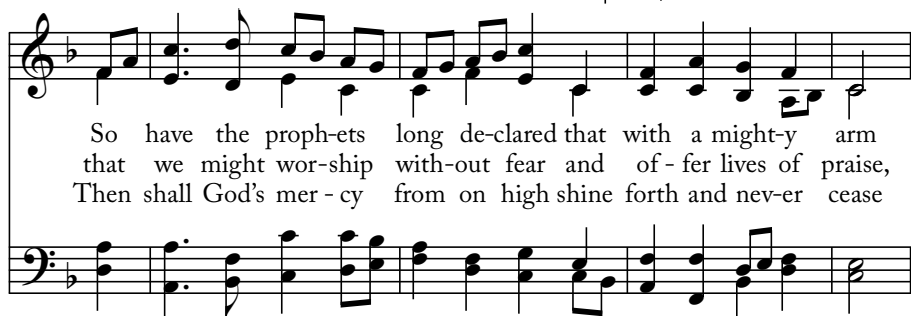
## (Benedictus)



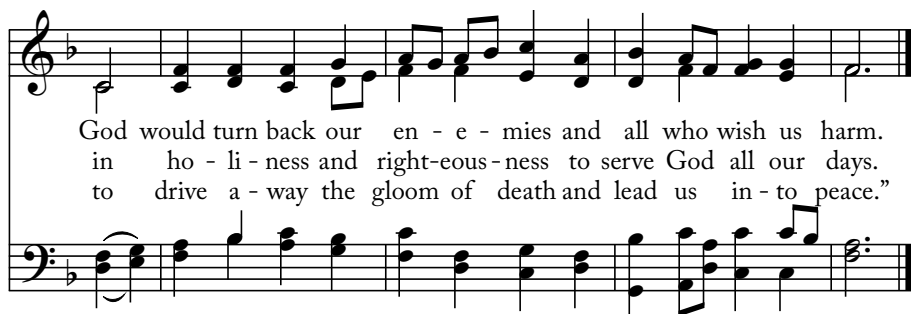
1. "Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2. "With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3. "My child, as proph-et of the Lord, you will pre-pare his way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell his peo-ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm  
that we might wor-ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev-er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and right-eous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace."

Words: adapted from the *Benedictus* (Luke 1: 68-79), 1989 | Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)

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