

# Benedictus from Short Service

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(1583-1625)

Treble *Full*  
*f* Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el, for he hath vi - si - ted,

Alto *Full*  
*f* Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el, for he hath vi - si - ted,

Tenor *Full*  
*f* Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el, for he hath vi - si - ted,

Bass *Full*  
*f* Bless - ed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el, for he hath vi - si - ted,

S *Dec.*  
and re-deem-ed his peo-ple; And hath rais-ed up a migh-ty sal - va - ti - on for

A *Dec.*  
and re-deem-ed his peo - ple; And hath rais-ed up a migh-ty sal - va - ti-on for

T *Dec.*  
and re-deem-ed his peo - ple; And hath rais-ed up a migh-ty sal - va - ti-on for

B *Dec.*  
and re-deem-ed his peo - ple; And hath rais-ed up a migh-ty sal - va - ti - on for

S *Can.*  
us in the house of his ser-vant Da-vid; *mf* As he spake by the mouth of

A *Can.*  
us in the house of his ser-vant Da-vid; *mf* As he spake by the mouth of

T *Can.*  
us in the house of his ser - vant Da-vid; *mf* As he spake by the mouth of his

B *Can.*  
us in the house of his ser-vant Da-vid; *mf* As he spake by the mouth

S *Dec.*  
his ho - ly Pro-phets, which have been since the world be- gan; That

A  
his ho - ly Pro-phets, which have been since the world be-gan;

T  
ho - ly Pro - phets, which have been since the world be-gan;

B  
of his ho - ly Pro-phets, which have been since the world be- gan;

S we should be sa-ved from our e - ne - mies, and from the hands of —

A *Dec.* That we should be sa - ved from our e - ne - mies, and

T *Dec.* That we should be sa-ved from our e - ne - mies, and from the

B *Dec.* That we should be sa-ved from our e - ne - mies,

20 S all that hate us, that hate — us; *Can.* *p* To per-form the mer-

A from the hands of — all that hate — us; *Can.* *p* To per - form the mer -

T hands of — all that hate — us; *Can.* *p* To per -

B and from the hands of — all that hate us; *Can.* *p* To per -

25 S cy pro - mi - sed to our fa- — thers, and to re -

A cy pro - mi - sed: to our fa - thers, and to re -

T form the mer-cy pro-mi-sed to our — fa - thers, and to re-mem -

B form the mer-cy pro - mi-sed to our fa- — thers, and to re-mem-ber

30 S mem-ber his ho - ly — cov'-nant; To — per-form the oath — which he

A mem-ber his ho - ly cov'-nant; To — per-form the oath which he sware

T ber his ho - ly cov' - nant; *Dec.* To — per-form the

B his ho - ly cov' - nant; *Dec.* To — per-form the

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S sware to our fore-fa - ther A-bra - ham that he would give

A to our fa- ther A- bra - ham that he would give

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

B oath which he sware to our fa - ther A - bra - ham that he would give

Can. *cresc.*

S us, That we be-ing de - li - ve-red out of the hands of our

A us, That we be-ing de-li - ve - red out of the hands of our

T us, That we be-ing de-li - ve - red out of the hands of

B us, That we be-ing de-li - ve - red out of the hands of

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S e - ne-mies, *f* might serve him with-out fear; In ho - li -

A e - ne- mies, *f* might serve him with-out fear; In

T our e - ne- mies, *f* might serve him with-out fear; In

B our e - ne - mies, *f* might serve him with-out fear; In

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S ness and righ-teous - ness be - fore him all the days

A ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness be - fore him all the

T ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness be- fore him all the days

B ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness be - fore him all the

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S of our life. *Dec.* *p* And thou, child, shalt be call - ed

A days of our life. *Dec.* *p* And thou, child, shalt be

T of our life. *Dec.* *p* And thou, child, shalt

B days of our life. *Dec.* *p* And thou, child,

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

A call - ed the Pro-phet of the High'st, for thou shalt go be -

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

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

S the Lord. to pre - pare his ways; his

A fore the face of the Lord to pre - pare his

T go be - fore the face of the Lord to pre - pare his

B go be - fore the face of the Lord to pre - pare his

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S ways; *mf* To give know - ledge of sal - va - ti - on un - to his peo -

A ways; *mf* To give know - ledge of sal - va - ti - on un - to his peo -

T ways; *mf* To give know - ledge of sal - va - ti - on un - to his peo -

B ways; *mf* To give know - ledge of sal - va - ti - on un - to his peo -

65 *Dec.*

S ple for the re - mis - si - on of their sins, *p* Through the *Dec.*

A ple for the re - mis - si - on of their sins, *p* Through the *Dec.*

T ple for the re - mis - si - on of their sins, *p* Through the *Dec.*

B ple for the re - mis - si - on of their sins, *p* Through the *Dec.*

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S ten - der mer - cy of our God, where - by the day - spring from on high hath

A ten - der mer - cy of our God, where - by the day - spring from on high hath

T ten - der mer - cy of our God, where - by the day - spring from on high hath

B ten - der mer - cy of our God, where - by the day - spring from on high hath

75 *Can.* *dim.*

S vi - si - ted us; *mf* To give light to them that sit in dark - ness, and *dim.*

A vi - si - ted us, *mf* To give light to them that sit in dark - ness, and *dim.*

T vi - si - ted us; *mf* To give light to them that sit in dark - ness, *dim.*

B vi - si - ted us; *mf* To give light to them that sit in dark - ness, *dim.*

*poco rit.*

S in the sha - dow of death; *pp* and to guide our feet in - to the *poco rit.*

A in the sha - dow of death; *pp* and to guide our feet in - to the *poco rit.*

T and in the sha - dow of death; *pp* and to guide our feet in - to the way *poco rit.*

B and in the sha - dow of death, *pp* and to guide our feet in - to the *poco rit.*

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S way of peace. *a tempo Full* *f* Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

A way of peace. *a tempo Full* *f* Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

T of peace. *a tempo Full* *f* Glo - ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the

B way of peace. *a tempo Full* *f* Glo - ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the

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S Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -

A Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -

T Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -

B Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -

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S gin-ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, world with -

A gin-ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, world

T gin - ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be,

B gin-ning, and is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out

S out end. A- men. *poco rit.*

A with - out end. A- men. A- men. *poco rit.*

T world with - out end. A- men. *poco rit.*

B end, world with - out end. A- men. *poco rit.*