1  Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:
   for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
2  And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:
   in the house of his servant David;
3  As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets:
   which have been since the world began;
4  That we should be saved from our enemies:
   and from the hands of all that hate us;
5  To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
   and to remember his holy covenant;
6  To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham:
   that he would give us,
7  That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies:
   might serve him without fear,
8  In holiness and righteousness before him:
   all the days of our life.
9  And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
   for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
10 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people:
   for the remission of their sins;
11 Through the tender mercy of our God:
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

12 To give light to them that sit in darkness,

and in the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

_Luke 1.68-79_

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

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