

Antiphon: *Sacerdos et Pontifex*

O Priest and Bishop, thou worker of  
all virtues, good shepherd of thy people,  
pray for us unto the Lord. (Alleluia.)

Canticle: *Benedictus*

(Blessed) be the Lord / God of Israel, \* for he hath visited and redeem/ed his  
people;  
(And hath) raised up a mighty sal/vation for us \* in the house of his / servant  
David,  
(As he) spake by the mouth of his / holy prophets, \* which have been / since  
the world began:  
(That we) should be saved / from our enemies, \* and from the hand of / all that  
hate us;  
(To per)form the mercy promised / to our forefathers, \* and to remember his /  
holy covenant;  
(To per)form the oath which he sware to our fore/father Abraham, \* that / he  
would give us,  
(That we) being delivered out of the hand / of our enemies \* might / serve him  
without fear,  
(In ho)liness and righteous/ness before him, \* all / the days of our life.  
(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;  
(To give) knowledge of salvation un/to his people \* for the re/mission of their  
sins,  
(Through the) tender / mercy of our God, \* whereby the dayspring from on  
high hath / visited us;  
(To give) light to them that sit in darkness and in the / shadow of death, \* and  
to guide our feet in/to the way of peace.  
(Glo-ry) 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.  
A-men. (*All repeat the Antiphon*)