

Canticle 16: Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel

In memory of Malcolm Wechsler - musician, colleague, friend

Antiphon (ad lib.)

2nd Sunday in Advent, Year C
St. Luke 1: 68 - 79, 1982 *BCP* text
Revised Common Lectionary

Mode 8
arr. R.H. Clark
(b. 1944)

(chanters or full men)

♩ = c. 152

TB

Pre - pare_ the way_ of_ the Lord;

Organ

(full choir)

SA

make straight_ in the des - ert a high - way for our God.

TB

Organ

St. Luke 1 : 68-79

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Tone 8, solemn version
fauxbourdon:
anonymous 16th century

TB

+ 1. Bles - sed_ be_ the Lord, the_ God_ of Is - ra - el; *

Organ

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5

he has come to his people and set them free.

♩ = c. 88

SA

2. He has raised up for us a mighty Sav - iour,
Sav - iour,

TB

migh - ty Sav - iour,

*

12

born of the house of his servant Da - - vid.

♩ = c. 152

(antiphon ad lib.)

SA

Pre - pare the way of the Lord; make straight in the des - ert a high - way for our God.

TB

♩ = c. 152

Organ

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SA
3. Through his ho - ly pro - phets he pro - mised of old,

Organ

20
that he would save us from our e - ne - mies, *

21
from the hands of all who hate us.

♩ = c. 88

SA
4. He pro - mised to show mer - cy to our fa - - thers *

TB

27
and to re - mem - ber his ho - ly co - ve - nant.

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♩ = c. 152 (antiphon ad lib.)

SA
Pre -pare_ the way___ of___ the Lord; make straight_ in the des - ert a high - way for our God.

TB

♩ = c. 152

Organ

TB
5. This was___ the___ oath he swore to our___ fa - ther A - bra - ham, *

Organ

34

to set us free___ from the hands of our___ e - ne - mies.

SA
♩ = c. 88

6. Free to wor - ship_ him___ with - out fear,

TB

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40

ho - ly and righ - teous all the days of our life.

44 *♩ = c. 152* (antiphon ad lib.)

Pre - pare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a high - way for our God.

♩ = c. 152

SA

7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

Organ

47

for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way,

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$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 88$

SA

8. To give his peo - ple know - ledge_ of_ sal - va - - tion *

TB

53

by the for - give - - - ness of_ their_ sins.

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 152$ *(antiphon ad lib.)*

SA

Pre - pare_ the way_ of_ the Lord; make straight_ in the des - ert a high - way for our God.

TB

Organ

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 152$

TB

9. In the_ ten - der com - pas - sion of_ our God

Organ

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60

the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

♩ = c. 88

SA 10. To shine on those who dwell in dark - ness and the sha - dow of death, *

TB

67

and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.

♩ = c. 152

(antiphon ad lib.)

SA Pre - pare the way of the Lord; make straight in the des - ert a high - way for our God.

TB

Organ

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SA

11. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son * and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

TB

Organ

75 $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 88$

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now

79

and will be for ev - er. A - - - men.

and will be for ev - er. A - - - men.

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 152$

SA

Pre - pare the way of the Lord; make straight in the des - ert a high - way for our God.

TB

Pre - pare the way of the Lord; make straight in the des - ert a high - way for our God.

Organ

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 152$

Pre - pare the way of the Lord; make straight in the des - ert a high - way for our God.