

Canticle of Zechariah **(Antiphon: Cry Out in the Stillness of Morning)**

Antiphon:

**Cry out in the stillness of morning.
With joy greet the dawn of this new day.
Pour out your heart like water.
Lift your hands to God in praise.**

Chanted: Alternating verses

1. We praise you, God of Israel!
You have turned to your people and set them free,
2. and have raised up a deliverer to save us,
in the house of David, your servant.
3. So You promise in every age,
By the word of your prophets.
4. to set us free from our oppressors,
from the hands of all who hate us.
5. Your bond of love is with our people,
and your covenant abiding forever.
6. So you promised to Abraham and Sarah,
assuring us that freed from fear,
7. with your favor lavished upon us,
we might serve you with justice all our days.
8. This child will be called prophet of the Most High,
running before our God to prepare the way,
9. announcing salvation to the people,
with forgiveness for all their sin.
10. Through the tender love in the heart of our God
the rising sun will break upon us,
11. to shine on those who dwell in the gloom of death's shadow
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
12. To you, O giver of all life,
through Your Wisdom, Jesus the Christ,
13. in Your Spirit dwelling in our midst,
be praise forevermore.

Hear the Song of Your People — Morning Prayer

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