

Blessed Be the Lord

Luke 1:68-71
Gloria Patri

Benedictus
for Four Voices

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Andantino

The musical score is written for four voices and piano. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Andantino'. The score consists of five systems. The first four systems are for the four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass), each with a vocal line and lyrics. The fifth system is for the piano accompaniment, with a grand staff (treble and bass clef). Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *cresc.* (crescendo). The lyrics are: 'Bless-ed be the Lord God, the Lord God of Is - ra-el; For he hath vis - it-ed and re - deemed his'.

p *cresc.*
Bless-ed be the Lord God, the Lord God of Is - ra-el; For he hath vis - it-ed and re - deemed his

p *cresc.*
Bless-ed be the Lord God, the Lord God of Is - ra-el; For he hath vis - it-ed and re - deemed his

p *cresc.*

8 *f*

peo - ple; And hath raised up a might-y sal - va - tion for us, in the house of his

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peo - ple; And hath raised up a might-y sal - va - tion for us, in the house of his

14 *dim.*

ser - vant, Da - vid; As he spake by the mouth of his ho - ly proph - ets,

8 *dim.*

ser - vant, Da - vid; of his ho - ly proph - ets,

21 *cresc.* *dim.* *cresc.*

which have been since the world be - gan; that we should be saved from our

dim. *cresc.*

from our

dim. *cresc.*

8 which have been since the world be - gan; that we should be saved

cresc. *dim.* *cresc.*

which have been since the world be - gan; that we should be saved from our

cresc. *dim.* *cresc.*

28 *f*

en - e - mies, and from the hand of all that hate us. Glo - ry be to the

f

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f

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*dim.**cresc.*

Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning; is

*dim.**cresc.*

Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning; is

*dim.**cresc.**dim.**cresc.*

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Adagionow and ev-er shall be, *f* World with - out end. *pp* A - men, *pp* A - men.now and ev-er shall be, *f* World with - out end. *pp* A - men, *pp* A - men.