

**A** Nd ve-ry early \* the first day of the week, they came

unto the sepulchre when the sun was ri-sen, alle-lu-ya.

*BENEDICTUS*

Blessed be the Lord God of Isra-el: for he hath vi-si-ted

and redeemed his people. And hath raised up a mighty

salvation for us: in the house of his servant Da-vid. As he

spake by the mouth of his ho-ly Prophets: which have been

since the world began. That we should be sa-ved from our

enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us. To perform

the mercy promi-sed to our forefathers: and to remember his

ho-ly covenant. To perform the oath which he sware to our

forefather Abraham: that he would give us. That we, be-ing

de-li-ve-red out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him

without fear. In ho-li-ness and righteous-ness be-fore him:

all the days of our life. And thou child, shalt be called the

Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go be-fore the face

of the Lord to prepare his ways. To give knowledge of sal-

vation unto his people: for the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Day-

spring from on high hath vi-si-ted us. 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. Glo-ry be to the Father, and

to the Son: and to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in ... is now,

and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.