

**Responsive Reading: Luke 1:67-80**

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Congregation: Read part in **BOLD**

<sup>67</sup>And Zechariah his father was filled with the Holy Spirit and uttered this prophecy:<sup>68</sup> 'Praise to the God of Israel! For he has turned to his people, saved them and set them free,

<sup>69</sup>**and has raised up a deliverer of victorious power from the house of his servant David.**

<sup>70</sup>So he promised: age after age he proclaimed by the lips of his holy prophets,

<sup>71</sup>**that he would deliver us from our enemies, out of the hands of all who hate us;**

<sup>72</sup>that he would deal mercifully with our fathers, calling to mind his solemn covenant.

<sup>73</sup>**Such was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,**

<sup>74</sup>to rescue us from enemy hands, and grant us, free from fear, to worship him  
<sup>75</sup>**with a holy worship, with uprightness of heart, in his presence, our whole life long.**

<sup>76</sup> And you, my child, you shall be called Prophet of the Highest, for you will be the Lord's forerunner, to prepare his way

<sup>77</sup>**and lead his people to salvation through knowledge of him, by the forgiveness of their sins:**

<sup>78</sup>for in the tender compassion of our God the morning sun from heaven will rise  
Some witnesses read: has risen. upon us,

<sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who live in darkness, under the cloud of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.'**

<sup>80</sup>As the child grew up he became strong in spirit; he lived out in the wilds until the day when he appeared publicly before Israel....