Canticle 19, The Song of Zechariah

Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.



- (1) Blessed be the Most High, the God of Israel,
- (2) you have come to your people and set them free.
- (3) You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
- (4) born of the house of your servant \underline{Da} vid. R.
- (1) Through your holy prophets, you promised of old
- (2) to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,
- (3) to show mercy to our forebears,
- (4) and to remember your holy <u>cov</u>enant. **R**.
- (1) This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
- (2) to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear,
- (3) holy and righteous <u>before</u> you,
- (4) all the days of our <u>life</u>. R.
- (1) And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
- (2) for you will go before God to prepare the way,
- (3) to give God's people knowledge of <u>sal</u>vation
- (4) by the forgiveness of their $\underline{\sin}$. R.
- (1) In the tender compassion of our God
- (2) the dawn from on high shall break $\underline{u}\underline{p}$ on us,
- (3) to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
- (4) and to guide our feet into the way of <u>peace</u>. R.