

The onely Lord of Israel

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Benedictus*, p. 10-13

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CANTVS
MEDIVS
TENOR
or Playnsong
BASSVS

The on - ly Lord of Is - ra - el be prai - sed e - ver - more:
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S. For through his vi - si - ta - ti - on and mer - cy kept in store, his peo - ple now he hath re - deemed
A. For through his vi - si - ta - ti - on and mer - cy kept in store, his peo - ple now he hath re - deemed
T. For through his vi - si - ta - ti - on and mer - cy kept in store, his peo - ple now he hath re - deemed
B. For through his vi - si - ta - ti - on and mer - cy kept in store, his peo - ple now he hath re - deemed

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S. that long hath been in thrall, and spread a - broad his sa - ving health up - on his ser - vants all.
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B. that long hath been in thrall, and spread a - broad his sa - ving health up - on his ser - vants all.

In Davids house his servant true
According to his mind,
and also his annointed King,
As we in Scripture find.
As by his hole Prophets all
Oft times he did declare,
The which were since the world began
His ways for to prepare.

That we might be delivered
From those that make debate:
Our enemies, and from the hands
Of all that do us hate.
The mercy which he promised
Our Fathers to fulfill:
And think upon his covenant made
According to his will.

And also to perform the oath
Which he before had sworne
To Abraham our father dear,
For us that were forlorne.
That he would give himself for us,
And us from bondage bring
Out of the hands of all our foes
to serve our heavenly King.

And that without all manner fear,
And eke in righteousness:
And also for to lead our lives
In stedfast holiness.
And thou O child which now art born,
And of the Lord elect
Shalt be the Prophet of the highest
His ways for to direct.

For thou shalt go before his face,
For to prepare his ways:
And also for to teach his will,
And pleasure all thy days.
To give the knowledge how that their
Salvation is near:
And that remission of their sins
Is through his mercy mere.

Whereby the Day-spring from on high
As come us for to visit:
And those for to illuminate,
which do in darkness sit.
To lighten those that shadowed be
with death, and eke oppressed:
And also for to guide our feet
The way to peace and rest.

Critical notes:

Text somewhat modernised