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## Now Bless the God of Israel

Luke 1:68-79; Ps. 18:1-3; Isa. 9:2-7

Ruth Duck, 1985

1 Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, who comes in love and power,  
 2 Re - mem-ber-ing the cov - e - nant, God res - cues us from fear,  
 3 In ten - der mer-cy, God will send the day - spring from on high,

who rais - es from the roy - al house de - liv - erance in this hour.  
 that we might serve in hol - i - ness and peace from year to year;  
 our ris - ing sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.

Through ho - ly proph-ets God has sworn to free us from a - larm,  
 And you, my child, shall go be - fore to preach, to proph-e - sy,  
 God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.

to save us from the heav-y hand of all who wish us harm.  
 that all may know the ten - der love, the grace of God most high.  
 Sing prais-es to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

*This text by United Church of Christ clergywoman Ruth Duck is a paraphrase of the "Benedictus," which is often sung at morning prayer. She came to appreciate daily prayer while studying at the University of Notre Dame.*

Tune: FOREST GREEN C.M.D.  
 Traditional English melody  
 Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906