

Luke 1:57-80

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The Seven O Antiphons, Part Five of Seven
Sermon Notes for Sunday, December 14, 2008 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

O Day-spring Brightness of the everlasting Light, Sun of Righteousness: come to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death!

- I. Relevant Texts from the Old Testament
- II. Relevant Texts from the New Testament
- III. The Dayspring and the Benedictus

Luke 1:57-80 (NKJV)

1. ⁵⁷ Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.
2. ⁵⁸ When her **neighbors** and relatives **heard** how the Lord had shown great **mercy** to her, they rejoiced with her.
3. ⁵⁹ **So it was**, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias.
4. ⁶⁰ His mother answered and said, "No; **he shall be called John.**"
5. ⁶¹ But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is **called by this name.**"
- 5'. ⁶² **So they made signs** to his father—what he would **have him called.**
- 4'. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "**His name is John.**"
- 3'. **So they all marveled.** ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke, praising God.
- 2'. ⁶⁵ Then fear came on **all who dwelt around them**; and all these sayings were **discussed** throughout all *the hill country* of Judea. ⁶⁶ And all those who heard *them* kept *them* in their hearts, saying,
- 1'. "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with **him.**

1. ⁶⁷ Now his father Zacharias was filled with the **Holy Spirit**, and prophesied, saying:
⁶⁸ "Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel, For He has **visited** and redeemed **His people**,
- ⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of **salvation** for us In the house of His servant David,
- ⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy **prophets**, Who *have been* since the world began,
2. ⁷¹ That we should be saved from our **enemies** And from the hand of all who hate us,
⁷² To perform the mercy promised to our fathers
And to remember His **holy** covenant, ⁷³ The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:
- 2'. ⁷⁴ To grant us that we, **Being delivered** from the hand of our **enemies**,
Might serve Him without fear,
- ⁷⁵ In **holiness** and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

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- a. ⁷⁶ "And you, child, will be called **the prophet** of the Highest;
- b. For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,
- c. ⁷⁷ To give knowledge of **salvation to His people** By the remission of their sins,
- d. ⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high
has **visited us**;
- c'. ⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
- b'. To guide our feet into the way of peace."
- a'. ⁸⁰ So the child grew and became strong in **spirit**, and was *in the deserts* till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Lessons: