

## Chapter 125

A gradual canticle. When the Lord brought back the captivity of Sion, we became like men comforted.

**2** Then was our mouth filled with gladness; and our tongue with joy. Then shall they say among the Gentiles: The Lord hath done great things for them.

**3** The Lord hath done great things for us: we are become joyful.

**4** Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as a stream in the south.

**5** They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

**6** Going they went and wept, casting their seeds.

**7** But coming they shall come with joyfulness, carrying their sheaves.

## Chapter 126

A gradual canticle of Solomon. Unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it.

**2** It is vain for you to rise before light, rise ye after you have sitten, you that eat the bread of sorrow. When he shall give sleep to his beloved,

**3** Behold the inheritance of the Lord are children: the reward, the fruit of the womb.

**4** As arrows in the hand of the mighty, so the children of them that have been shaken.

**5** Blessed is the man that hath filled the desire with them; he shall not be confounded when he shall speak to his enemies in the gate.

## Chapter 127

A gradual canticle. Blessed are all they that fear the Lord: that walk in his ways.

**2** For thou shalt eat the labours of thy hands: blessed art thou, and it shall be well with thee.

**3** Thy wife as a fruitful vine, on the sides of thy house. Thy children as olive plants, round about thy table.

**4** Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

**5** May the Lord bless thee out of Sion: and mayst thou see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

**6** And mayst thou see thy children's children, peace upon Israel.

## Chapter 128

A gradual canticle. Often have they fought against me from my youth, let Israel now say.

**2** Often have they fought against me from my youth: but they could not prevail over me.

**3** The wicked have wrought upon my back: they have lengthened their iniquity.

**4** The Lord who is just will cut the necks of sinners:

**5** Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Sion.

**6** Let them be as grass upon the tops of houses: which withereth before it be plucked up:

**7** Who with the mower filleth not his hand: nor he that gathereth sheaves his bosom.

**8** And they that passed by have not said: The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we have blessed you in the name of the Lord.

## Chapter 129

A gradual canticle. Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord:

**2** Lord, hear my voice. Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

**3** If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall stand it.

**4** For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord. My soul hath relied on his word:

**5** my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

**6** From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

**7** Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption.

**8** And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

## Chapter 130

A gradual canticle of David. Lord, my heart is not exalted: nor are my eyes lofty. Neither have I walked in great matters, nor in wonderful things above me.

**2** If I was not humbly minded, but exalted my soul: As a child that is weaned is towards his mother, so reward in my soul.

**3** Let Israel hope in the Lord, from henceforth now and for ever.

## Chapter 131

A gradual canticle. O Lord, remember David, and all his meekness.

**2** How he swore to the Lord, he vowed a vow to the God of Jacob:

**3** If I shall enter into the tabernacle of my house: if I shall go up into the bed wherein I lie:

**4** If I shall give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids,

**5** Or rest to my temples: until I find out a place for the Lord, a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

**6** Behold we have heard of it in Ephrata: we have found it in the fields of the wood.

**7** We will go into his tabernacle: we will adore in the place where his feet stood.

**8** Arise, O Lord, into thy resting place: thou and the ark, which thou hast sanctified.

**9** Let thy priests be clothed with justice: and let thy saints rejoice.

**10** For thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of thy anointed.

**11** The Lord hath sworn truth to David, and he will not make it void: of the fruit of thy womb I will set upon thy throne.

**12** If thy children will keep my covenant, and these my testimonies which I shall teach them: Their children also for evermore shall sit upon thy throne.

**13** For the Lord hath chosen Sion: he hath chosen it for his dwelling.

**14** This is my rest for ever and ever: here will I dwell, for I have chosen it.

**15** Blessing I will bless her widow: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

**16** I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall rejoice with exceeding great joy.

**17** There will I bring forth a horn to David: I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

**18** His enemies I will clothe with confusion: but upon him shall my sanctification flourish.

## Chapter 132

A gradual canticle of David. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell to-

gether in unity:

**2** Like the precious ointment on the head, that ran down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron, Which ran down to the skirt of his garment:

**3** As the dew of Hermon, which descendeth upon mount Sion. For there the Lord hath commanded blessing, and life for evermore.

## Chapter 133

A gradual canticle. Behold now bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord: Who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

**2** In the nights lift up your hands to the holy places, and bless ye the Lord.

**3** May the Lord out of Sion bless thee, he that made heaven and earth.

## Chapter 134

Alleluia. Praise ye the name of the Lord: O you his servants, praise the Lord:

**2** You that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

**3** Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good: sing ye to his name, for it is sweet.

**4** For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself: Israel for his own possession.

**5** For I have known that the Lord is great, and our God is above all gods.

**6** Whatsoever the Lord pleased he hath done, in heaven, in earth, in the sea, and in all the deeps.

**7** He bringeth up clouds from the end of the earth: he hath made lightnings for the rain. He bringeth forth winds out of his stores:

**8** He slew the firstborn of Egypt from man even unto beast.

**9** He sent forth signs and wonders in the midst of thee, O Egypt: upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

**10** He smote many nations, and slew mighty kings:

**11** Sehon king of the Amorrites, and Og king of Basan, and all the kingdoms of Chanaan.

**12** And gave their land for an inheritance, for an inheritance to his people Israel.

**13** Thy name, O Lord, is for ever: thy memorial, O Lord, unto all generations.

**14** For the Lord will judge his people, and will be entreated in favour of his servants.

**15** The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold, the works of men's hands.

**16** They have a mouth, but they speak not: they have eyes, but they see not.

**17** They have ears, but they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths.

**18** Let them that make them be like to them: and every one that trusteth in them.

**19** Bless the Lord, O house of Israel: bless the Lord, O house of Aaron.

**20** Bless the Lord, O house of Levi: you that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

**21** Blessed be the Lord out of Sion, who dwelleth in Jerusalem.

## Chapter 135

Alleluia. Praise the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

**2** Praise ye the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

**3** Praise ye the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

**4** Who alone doth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.