**PSALM 126**

Nisi Dominus.

*Nothing can be done without God’s grace and blessing.*

A gradual canticle of Solomon.

**1** Unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

**2** Unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it. 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 his desire with them; he shall not be confounded when he shall speak to his enemies in the gate.