**PSALM 128**

Saepe expugnaverunt.

*The church of God is invincible: her persecutors come to nothing.*

A gradual canticle.

**1** 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** Wherewith 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.