^{123:1} CANTICUM GRADUUM: Nisi quia Dominus erat in nōbīs, dīcat nunc Isrāhēl,

A gradual canticle: If it had not been that the Lord was with us, let Israel now say,

nisi quia Dominus erat in nōbīs, cum exsurgērent hominēs in nōs,

If it had not been that the Lord was with us, when men rose up against us,

^{123:3} forte vīvōs dēglūtīssent nōs, cum īrāscerētur furor eōrum in nōs;

perhaps they had swallowed us up alive, when their fury was enkindled against us;

- 123 : 4 forsitan aqua absorbuisset nōs; perhaps the water had swallowed us up;
- torrentem pertrānsīvit anima nostra; forsitan pertrānsīsset anima nostra aquam intolerābilem.

our soul hath passed through a torrent; perhaps our soul had passed through a water insupportable.

Benedictus Dominus, quī nōn dedit nōs, in captiōnem dentibus eōrum.

Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us to be a prey to their teeth.

Anima nostra sīcut passer ērepta est dē laqueō vēnantium; laqueus contrītus est, et nōs līberātī sumus.

Our soul like a sparrow hath been delivered from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

Adjūtōrium nostrum in nōmine Dominī, quī fēcit caelum et terram.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.