CANTICUM GRADUUM: Mementō, Domine, Dāvīd, et omnis mānsuētūdinis ejus;

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

sīcut jūrāvit Dominō; vōtum vōvit Deō Iācōb:

how he swore to the Lord; he vowed a vow to the God of Jacob:

Sī introierō in tabernāculum domūs meae, sī ascenderō in lectum strātī meī:

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

Sī dederō somnum oculīs meīs, et palpebrīs meīs dormītātiōnem,

if I shall give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids,

et requiem temporibus meīs, dōnec inveniam locum Dominō, tabernāculum Deō Iācōb.

or rest to my temples, until I find out a place for the Lord, a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

Ecce audīvimus eam in Efrata; invēnimus eam in campīs silvae.

Behold we have heard of it in Ephrata; we have found it in the fields of the wood.

Introībimus in tabernāculum ejus; adōrābimus in locō, ubī stetērunt pedēs ejus.

We will go into his tabernacle; we will adore in the place where his feet stood.

Surge Domine in requiem tuam, tū et arca sānctificātiōnis tuae.

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

Sacerdōtēs tuī induantur jūstitiam, et sānctī tuī exsultent.

Let thy priests be clothed with justice, and let thy saints rejoice.

Propter Dāvīd servum tuum, nōn āvertās faciem Chrīstī tuī.

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

Jūrāvit Dominus Dāvīd vēritātem, et nōn frūstrābitur eam; dē frūctū ventris tuī pōnam super sēdem tuam.

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.

Sī cūstōdierint fīliī tuī testāmentum meum, et testimōnia mea haec quae docēbō eōs, et fīliī eōrum usque in saeculum, sedēbunt super sēdem tuam.

If thy children will keep my covenant, and these my testimonies which I shall teach them, then their children shall sit upon thy throne for ever.

- Quoniam ēlēgit Dominus Siōn; ēlēgit eam in habitātiōnem sibī.

  For the Lord hath chosen Sion; he hath chosen it for his dwelling.
- Haec requiēs mea in saeculum saeculī; hīc habitābō, quoniam ēlēgī eam.

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

Viduam ejus benedīcēns benedīcam; pauperēs ejus saturābō pānibus.

Blessing I will bless her widow; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Sacerdōtēs ejus induam salūtārī, et sānctī ejus exsultātiōne exsultābunt.

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

ııı Illūc prōdūcam cornū Dāvīd; parāvī lucernam Chrīstō meō.

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

Inimīcōs ejus induam cōnfūsiōne; super ipsum autem efflōrēbit sānctificātiō mea.

His enemies I will clothe with confusion; but upon him my sanctification shall flourish.