

They compassed me, compassed me about;^{*}
in the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me about like bees;[†]
they blazed like a fire among thorns.^{*}
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was hard-pressed and was falling;^{*}
but the Lord came to help me.
The Lord is my strength and my song;^{*}
he is my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory;^{*}
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;^{*}
his right hand raised me.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;[†]
I shall not die, I shall live;^{*}
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord;^{*}
but not doomed to die.

Open to me the gates of holiness;^{*}
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate;^{*}
where the just may enter.
I will thank you for you have answered;^{*}
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected;^{*}
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord;^{*}
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;^{*}
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;^{*}
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord;^{*}
he who comes:
We bless you from the house of the Lord;^{*}
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches;^{*}
seen to the altar.
You are my God, I thank you;^{*}
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;^{*}
for his love endures for ever.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
alleluia.
Advent: We have a strong city. The Saviour will set up
wall and rampart to guard it. Open the gates, for God is
with us, alleluia.

Ant. 2: Let us sing a hymn to our God, alleluia.
Advent: Come to the water all you who thirst: seek the
Lord while he may be found, alleluia.

Let every creature praise the Lord
The Creator is blessed for ever (Rom 1:25)
Canticle
Dan 3:55-57

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers;^{*}
To you glory and praise for evermore.
Blest your glorious holy name;^{*}
To you glory and praise for evermore.
You are blest in the temple of your glory;^{*}
To you glory and praise for evermore.