

to visit, and impart thy Benediction ✠ to what we are now going to Bless ; and through the merits of thy Saints, may the demons be expelled at the entrance of our lowliness, and the Angel of Peace find admittance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. Amen.

This being said he begins the Antiphon—*Benedic Domine Domum istam Nomini tuo ædificatam.*

Bless O Lord this House which has been built unto thy Name.

After which the three Psalms following :

PSALM CXIX.

*Ad Dominum.*

In my trouble I called to the Lord : and he heard me.

O Lord, deliver my soul from wicked lips, and a deceitful tongue.

What shall be given to thee, or what shall be added to thee, to a deceitful tongue ?

The sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals that lay waste.

We is me, that my sojourning is prolonged ! I have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar : my soul hath been long a sojourner.

With them that hated peace I was peaceable : when I spoke to them they fought against me without cause.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CXX.

*Levavi oculos.*

I have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, from whence help shall come to me.

My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer thy foot to be moved ; neither let him slumber that keepeth thee.

Behold he shall neither slumber nor sleep, that keepeth Israel.

The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy protection upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not burn thee by day : nor the moon by night.

The Lord keepeth thee from all evil ; may the Lord keep thy soul.

May the Lord keep thy coming in and thy going out : from henceforth now and forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CXXI.

*Lætatus sum in his.*

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me : We shall go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing in thy courts, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together.

For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord : the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Because their seats have sat in judgment, seats upon the house of David.

Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem, and abundance for them that love thee.

Let peace be in thy strength : and abundance in thy towers.

For the sake of my brethren and of my neighbours, I spoke peace of thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought good things for thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Antiph. Bless O Lord, &c.

During these Psalms the Celebrant sprinkles the walls of the Church inside above and below, with holy water, beginning at the Gospel side, saying the Antiphon—*Asperges me Domine.*

Then returning to the altar he says : Let us pray. *Flectamus genua. R. Levate.*

O God who sanctifiest those places that are to be dedicated to thy Name, pour forth thy grace upon this House of prayer, that all who shall in this place call upon thy name, may experience thy merciful assistance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. Amen.