

Psalm 124

The Holy Innocents

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Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word of syllable.

We have es-caped like a bird from the snare of the fow-ler.

(1) (2) (3) (4)

(1) If God had not been on our side,
(2) Let Israel now say;
(1) If God had not been on our side,
(2) when enemies rose up against us;
(3) Then they would have swallowed us up alive
(4) in their fierce anger toward us. **R.**

(1) Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
(2) and the torrent gone over us;
(3) Then would the raging waters
(4) have gone right over us. **R.**

(1) Blessed be God!
(2) who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
(1) We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
(2) the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
(3) Our help is in the name of God,
(4) the maker of heaven and earth. **R.**