O LORD, REMEMBER DAVID AND ALL THE HARDSHIPS HE ENDURED. HE SWORE AN OATH TO THE LORD AND MADE A VOW TO THE MIGHTY ONE OF JACOB: "I WILL NOT ENTER MY HOUSE OR GO TO MY BED--I WILL ALLOW NO SLEEP TO MY EYES. NO SLUMBER TO MY EYELIDS. TILL I FIND A PLACE FOR THE LORD, A DWELLING FOR THE MIGHTY ONE OF JACOB." WE HEARD IT IN EPHRATHAH, WE CAME UPON IT IN THE FIELDS OF JAAR: "LET US GO TO HIS DWELLING PLACE; LET US WORSHIP AT HIS FOOTSTOOL --ARISE. O LORD. AND COME TO YOUR RESTING PLACE, YOU AND THE ARK OF YOUR MIGHT. MAY YOUR PRIESTS BE CLOTHED WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS; MAY YOUR SAINTS SING FOR JOY." FOR THE SAKE OF DAVID YOUR SERVANT, DO NOT REJECT YOUR ANOINTED ONE. THE LORD SWORE AN OATH TO DAVID. A SURE OATH THAT HE WILL NOT REVOKE: "ONE OF YOUR OWN DESCENDANTS I WILL PLACE ON YOUR THRONE--IF YOUR SONS KEEP MY COVENANT AND THE STATUTES I TEACH THEM. THEN THEIR SONS WILL SIT ON YOUR THRONE FOR EVER AND EVER." FOR THE LORD HAS CHOSEN ZION, HE HAS DESIRED IT FOR HIS DWELLING: "THIS IS MY RESTING PLACE FOR EVER AND EVER; HERE I WILL SIT ENTHRONED, FOR I HAVE DESIRED IT--I WILL BLESS HER WITH ABUNDANT PROVISIONS; HER POOR WILL I SATISFY WITH FOOD. I WILL CLOTHE HER PRIESTS WITH SALVATION, AND HER SAINTS WILL EVER SING FOR JOY. "Here I will make a horn grow for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

