

FEBRUARY 2
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Feast

The Blessing of Candles and the Procession

The faithful hold in their hands unlighted candles. While the candles are being lit, the following antiphon or another appropriate chant is sung.

ANTIPHON

Is 35: 4, 5 · RM, GR ○

III 

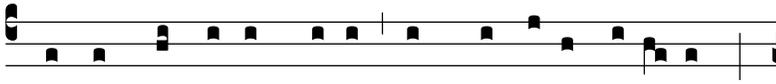
B E-hold, our Lord will come with power, to en-lighten



the eyes of his ser-vants, al- le- lu- ia.

Or:

Is 35: 4, 5 · RM, GR ○

III 

E C- ce Dó- mi- nus noster cum vir- tú- te vé- ni- et,
Behold our Lord will come with power,

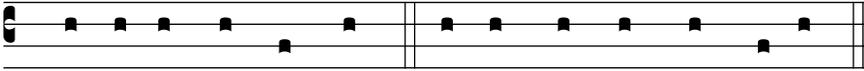


ut il- lú- mi- net ó- cu- los ser- vó- rum su- ó- rum, al- le- lú- ia.
to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia.

Then, after the greeting and address, the Priest blesses the candles. He sprinkles the candles with holy water and the procession begins, with the Priest or Deacon announcing:

Priest or Deacon:

All:



Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. Amen.

All carry lighted candles. As the procession moves forward, on or other of the antiphons that follow is sung or another appropriate chant.

ANTIPHON 1

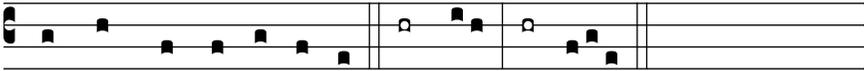
Lk 2: 32 · RM, GR ○

VIII

A



light for re-ve-la-tion to the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry



of your peo-ple Is- ra- el.

Or:

Lk 2: 32 · RM, GR ○

VIII

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Umen ad re-ve-la-ti-ónem génti-um, et gló-ri- am
A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory



ple-bis tu-ae Isra- el.
of your people Israel

Luke 2: 29-31

1. Lord, now you let your servant go *in peace*, *
in accordance *with your word*:
2. For my eyes have seen your *salvation*, *
which you have prepared in the sight of *all the peoples*.

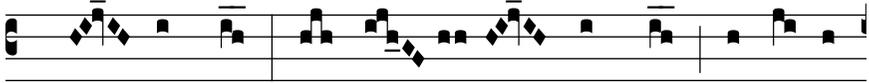
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RM, GR ○

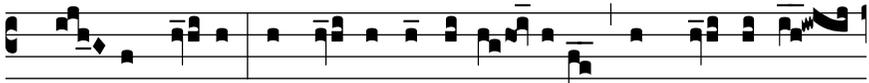
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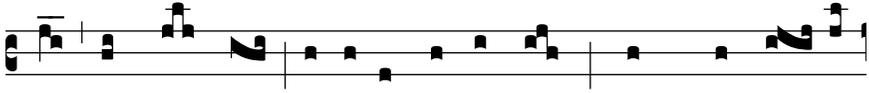
I- on, * adorn your bri- dal cham- ber and wel- come



Christ the King; take Mar- y in your arms, who is the



gate of heaven, for she herself is car- rying the King of glo-



ry and new light. A virgin she remains, though bringing in



her hands the Son before the morning star begot- ten, whom



Sime-on, taking in his arms announced to the peo- ples



as Lord of life and death and Sa- vior of the world.

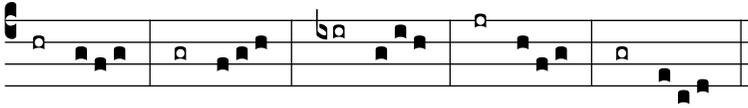
At the Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Suscipimus Deus

Cf. Ps 48 (47): 10-II · RM, GR ○

Your merciful *love*, O God, / we have received in the midst *of* your temple. / Your praise, O God, *like* your name, / reaches the ends *of* the earth; / your right hand is filled with *saving* justice.



Full Setting:

Cf. Ps 48 (47): 10-II · RM, GR ○

I
Y Our mer-ci-ful love, O God, * we have re-ceived

in the midst of your tem-ple. Your praise, O God, like your

name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled

with sav- ing jus- tice.

Simple Response:

Cf. Ps 48 (47): 10 · RM, GR ○

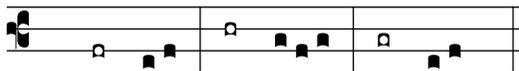
I
Y Our mer-ci-ful love, O God, we have re-ceived in the

Or:

Ecce advenit

Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12 · GR ○

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, *has* come; / and kingship is *in* his grasp, / and power and *dominion*.

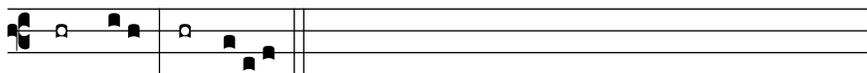


Full Setting:

Cf. Mal 3: 1, 1 Chr 29: 12 · GR ○

II
B E-hold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and

king-ship is in his grasp, and pow-er and do-minion.



Simple Response:

Cf. Mal 3: 1 · GR ○

II
B E-hold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come.

Psalm 72 (71): 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

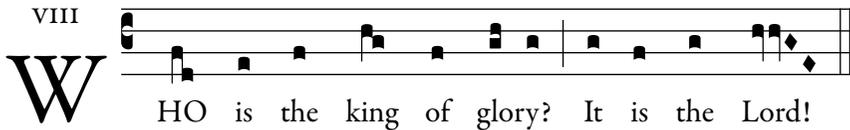
1. O God, give your judgment to *the king*, *
to a king's *son your justice*.
2. The kings of Tarshish and *the islands* *
shall *pay him tribute*.
The kings of Sheba *and Seba* *
shall *bring him gifts*.

3. Before him all kings shall *fall* **prostrate**, *
all *nations shall serve* him.
4. For he shall save the needy when *they cry*, *
the poor, and those *who are* **helpless**.
5. He will have pity on the weak and *the* **needy**, *
and save the lives *of the* **needy**.
6. From oppression and violence he redeems *their* **souls**; *
to him their *blood is* **dear**.
7. Long may *he* **live**! *
May the gold of Sheba *be* **given** him.
They shall pray for him *without* **ceasing**, *
and bless him *all the* **day**.
8. Glory be to the Father, and to *the* **Son**, *
and to the *Holy* **Spirit**.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* **be**, *
world without *end*. **Amen**.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24 (23): 8a

VIII



HO is the king of glory? It is the Lord!



Psalm 24 (23): 7, 8, 9, 10

1. O gates, lift high your heads; †
grow higher, ancient **doors**. *
Let him enter, the *king of glory*!
2. Who is this king of glory? †
The LORD, the mighty, the **valiant**; *
the LORD, the *valiant in war*.
3. O gates, lift high your heads; †
grow higher, ancient **doors**. *
Let him enter, the *king of glory*!
4. Who is this king of glory? †
He, the LORD of **hosts**, *
he is the *king of glory*.

ALLELUIA

I

A L- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

Luke 2: 32

ⲫ. A light of revelation to *the* Gentiles, *
and glory for your *people* Israel.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Ps 44 (43): 3 · GR ○

Graciousness is poured out upon your lips, / for God has blessed you forevermore, / and from age to age.

Full Setting:

Ps 45 (44): 3 · GR ○

VIII

G Ra-ciousness is poured out up-on your lips, for

God has blessed you for ev- er-more, and from age to age.

Simple Response:

Cf. Ps 45 (44): 3 · GR ①

VIII

G Ra-ciousness is poured out up-on your lips.

Psalm 45 (44): 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18

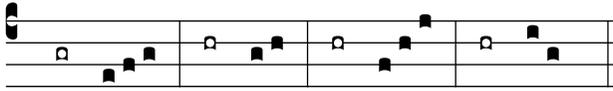
1. Listen, O daughter; pay heed *and give ear*; *
forget your own people and your *father's house*.
So will the king *desire your beauty*. *
He is your LORD, pay *homage to him*.
2. And the daughter of Tyre shall *come with gifts*; *
the richest of the people shall *seek your favor*.
The daughter of the king is *clothed with splendor*; *
her robes are threaded *with gold*.
3. In fine clothing she is led *to the king*; *
behind her are her maiden companions, *brought to you*.
They are escorted amid *gladness and joy*; *
they pass within the palace *of the king*.
4. Sons will be yours to *succeed your fathers*; *
you will make them rulers over *all the earth*.
I will make your name forever *remembered*. *
Thus the peoples will praise you from *age to age*.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Responsum accepit Simeon

Lk 2: 26 · GR ○

Simeon received / a revelation from the Holy Spirit, / that he would *not* see death, / until he saw the Christ of *the* Lord.



Full Setting:

Lk 2: 26 · GR ○

VIII

S I-me-on re-ceived * a rev-e- la-tion from the Ho-ly Spir-it, that he would not see death, un-til he saw the Christ of the Lord.

Simple Response:

Lk 2: 30 · RM ○

VIII

M Y eyes have seen your sal-va-tion.

Luke 2: 29: 30, 31, 32, and Psalm 48 (47)

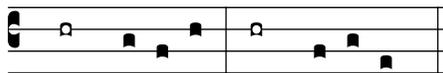
1. Lord, now you let your servant *go in peace*; *
your word has *been fulfilled*:
2. my own eyes have seen *the salvation* *
which you have prepared in the sight of *every people*:

3. a light to reveal you *to the nations* *
and the glory of your *people Israel*.
4. Great is the LORD and highly *to be praised* *
in the city *of our God*.
His holy mountain rises *in beauty*, *
the joy of *all the earth*.
5. Mount Zion, in the heart *of the North*, *
the city of the *Mighty King*!
God, in the midst *of its citadels*, *
has shown himself *its stronghold*.
6. As we have heard, so *we have seen* *
in the city *of our God*,
in the city of the *LORD of hosts*, *
which God establishes *forever*.
7. Your merciful *love, O God*, *
we ponder *in your temple*.
Your praise, O God, *like your name*, *
reaches the ends *of the earth*.
8. Your right hand is filled with *saving justice*. *
Mount Zion *rejoices*.
The daughters of Judah *rejoice* *
at the sight *of your judgments*.
9. That you may tell the next *generation* *
that such *is our God*,
our God forever *and always*. *
He will guide *us forever*.
10. Glory be to the Father, and *to the Son*, *
and to the *Holy Spirit*.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be*, *
world without *end. Amen*.

Or:

Lk 2: 30-31 · RM ○

My eyes have seen *your* salvation, * which you prepared in the sight of *all* the peoples.



Full Setting:

Lk 2: 30-31 · RM ○

VIII

M Y eyes have seen your sal- va- tion, which you prepared

in the sight of all the peoples.

Simple Response:

Lk 2: 30 · RM ①

VIII

M Y eyes have seen your sal- va- tion.

Psalm 48 (47): 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11ab, 11c-12, 14c-15

1. Great is the LORD and highly to *be* praised *
in the city of *our* God.

His holy mountain rises *in* beauty, *
the joy of *all the* earth.

2. Mount Sion, in the heart of *the* North, *
the city of the *Mighty* King!

God, in the midst of *its* citadels, *
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