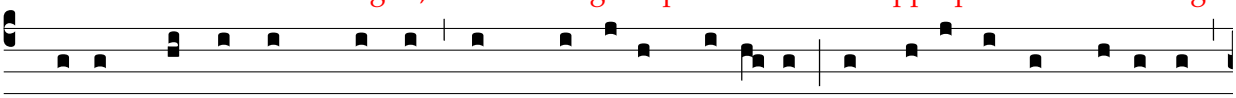
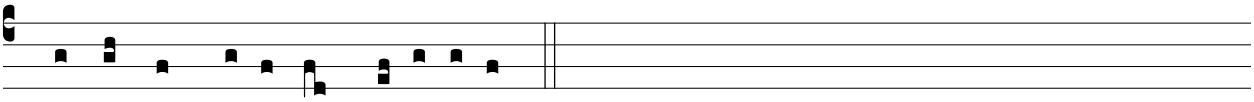
2 February

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

While the candles are being lit, the following antiphon or another appropriate chant is sung.



Ec-ce Dó-mi-nus nos-ter cum vir-tú-te vé-ni-et, ut il-lú-mi-net ó-cu-los



ser-vó-rum su-ó-rum, al-le-lú-ia.

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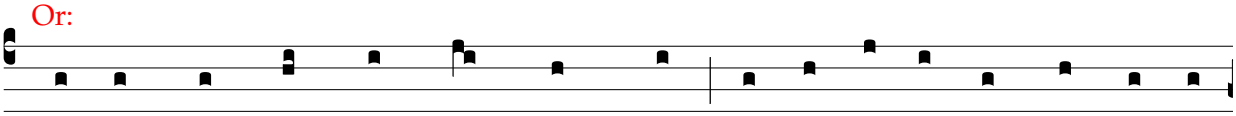
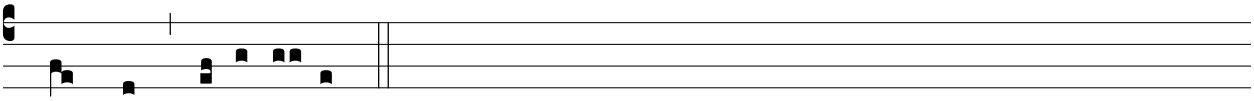
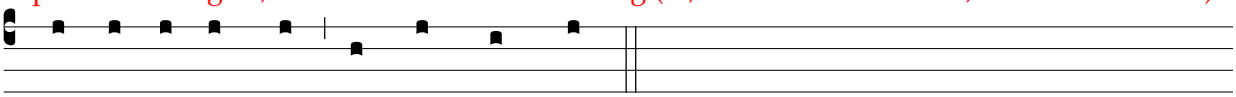


Be-hold, our Lord will come with power, to en-light-en the eyes of his



ser-vants, al-le-lu– ia.

Then the Priest receives from the Deacon or a minister the lighted candle prepared for him and the procession begins, with the Deacon announcing (or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself):



Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

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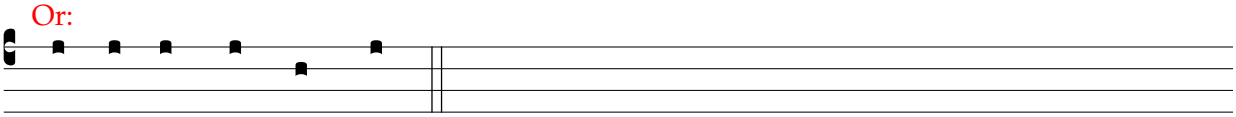
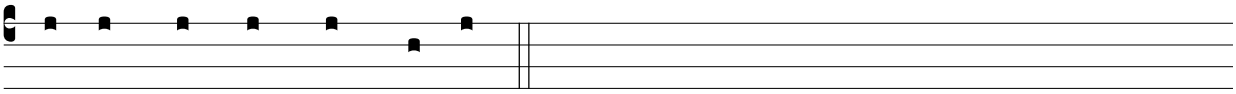


Let us go forth in peace.

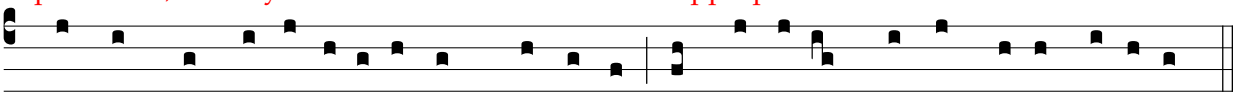
In this case, all respond:



In the name of Christ. A-men.

Antiphon

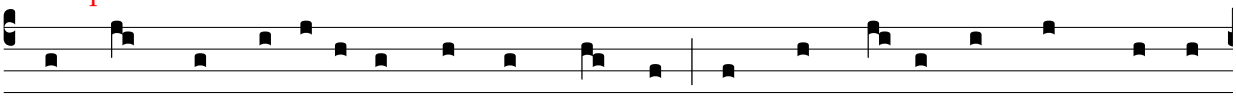
All carry lighted candles. As the procession moves forward, one or other of the antiphons that follow is sung, namely the antiphon A light for revelation with the canticle (Lk 2:29-32), or the antiphon Sion, adorn your bridal chamber or another appropriate chant.



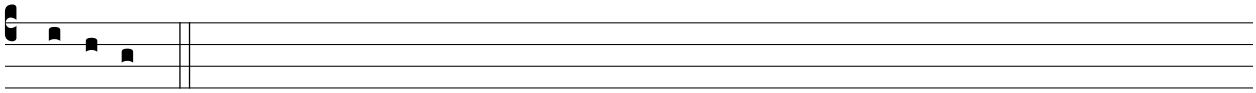
Lu-men ad re-ve-la-ti–ó-nem gén-ti-um, et gló-ri-am ple-bis tu-ae Is-ra-el.

Or:

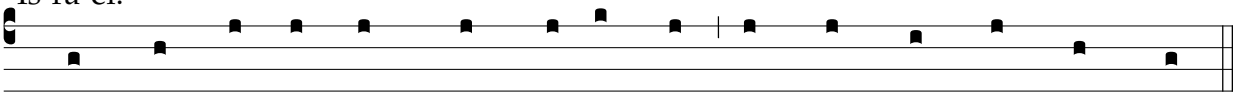
Antiphon



A light for re-ve-lation to the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple

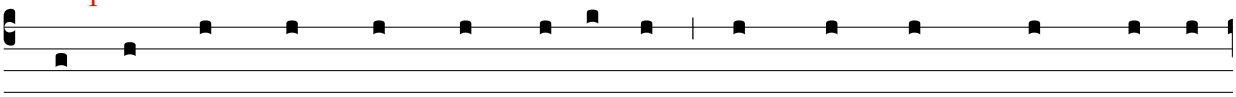


Is-ra-el.

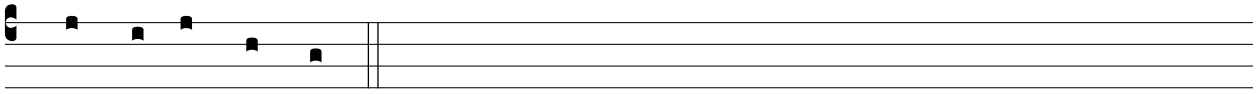


Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, in accord-ance with your word:

Antiphon



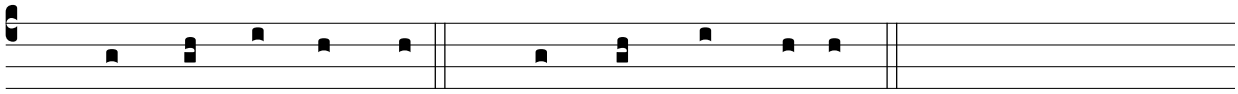
For my eyes have seen your sal-va-tion, which you have prepared in the



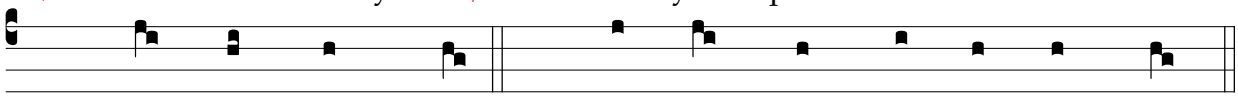
sight of all peo-ples.

Antiphon

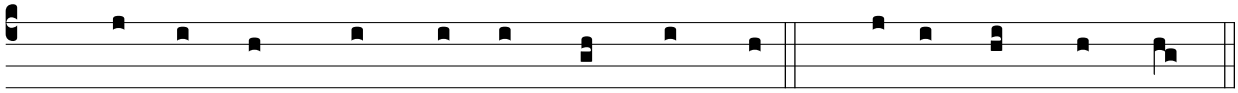
The mystery of the Presentation of the Lord



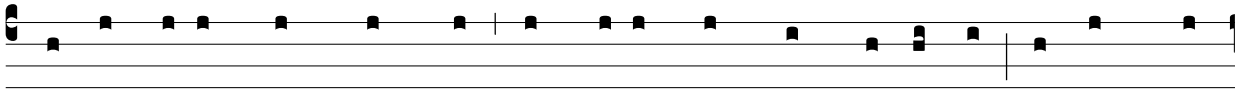
℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. And with your spir-it.



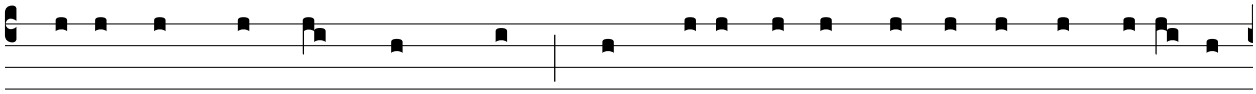
℣. Lift up your hearts. ℟. We lift them up to the Lord.



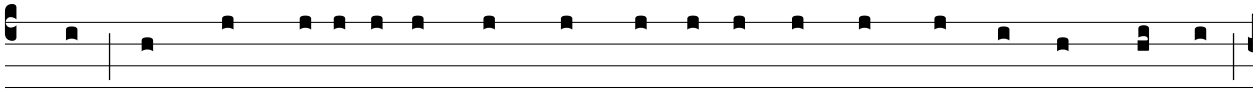
℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟. It is right and just.



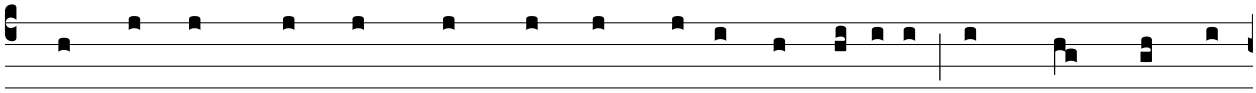
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and



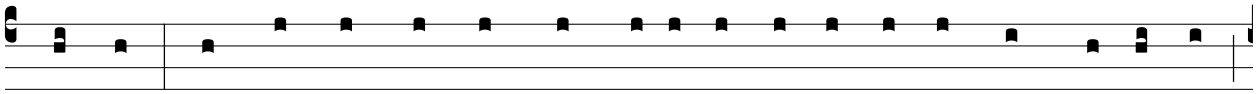
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-ter-nal



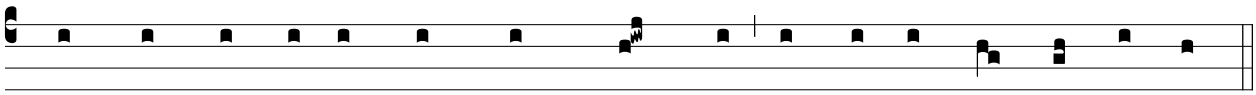
God. For your co–e-ternal Son was presented on this day in the Tem-ple



and revealed by the Spirit as the glo-ry of Is-ra-el and Light of the



na-tions. And so, we, too, go forth, rejoicing to encounter your Sal-va-tion,



and with the Angels and Saints praise you, as without end we ac-claim: