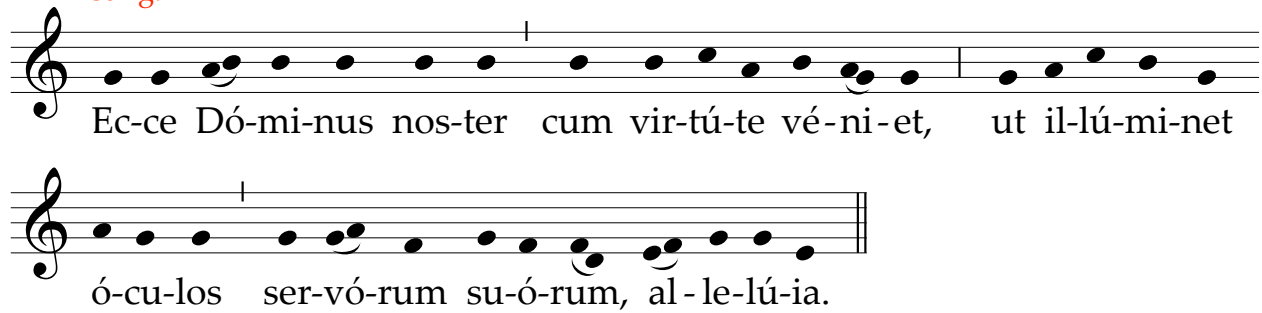


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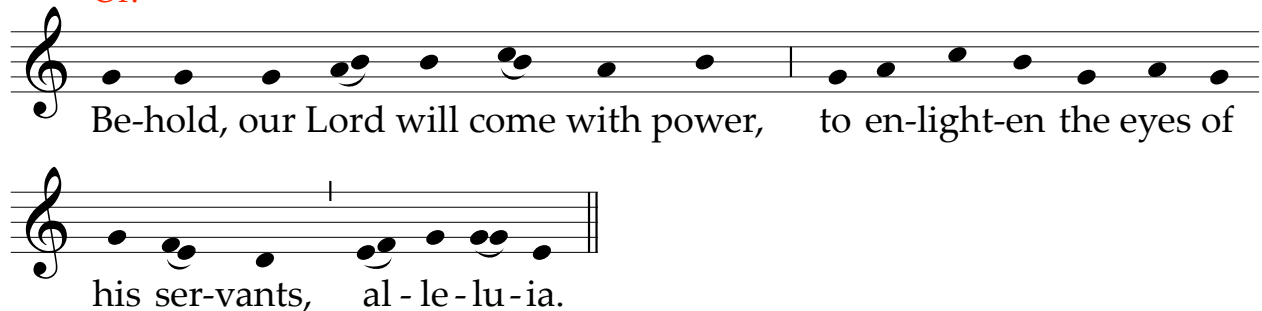
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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



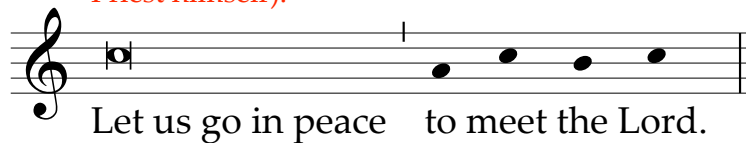
Ec-ce Dó-mi-nus nos-ter cum vir-tú-te vé-ni-et, ut il-lú-mi-net
ó-cu-los ser-vó-rum su-ó-rum, al-le-lú-ia.

Or:



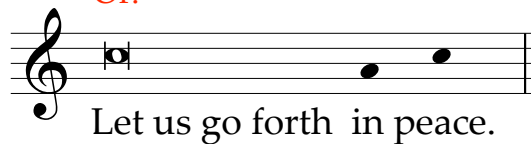
Be-hold, our Lord will come with power, to en-light-en the eyes of
his ser-vants, al-le-lu-ia.

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):



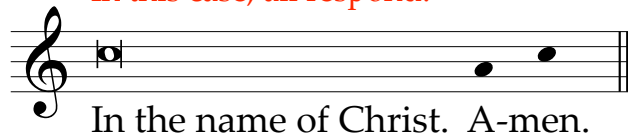
Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

Or:



Let us go forth in peace.

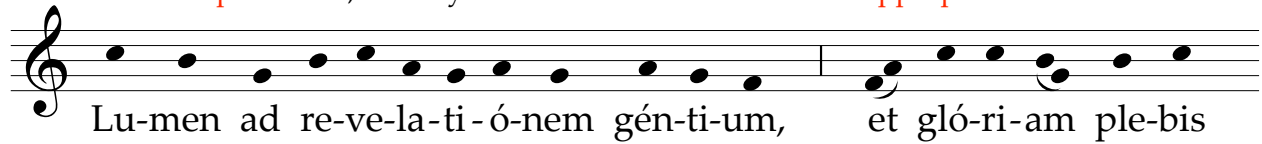
In this case, all respond:



In the name of Christ. A-men.

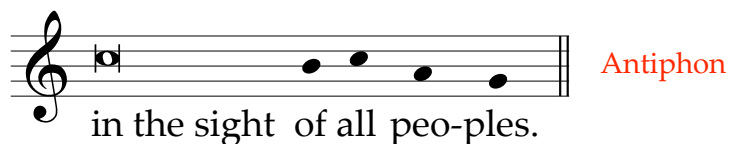
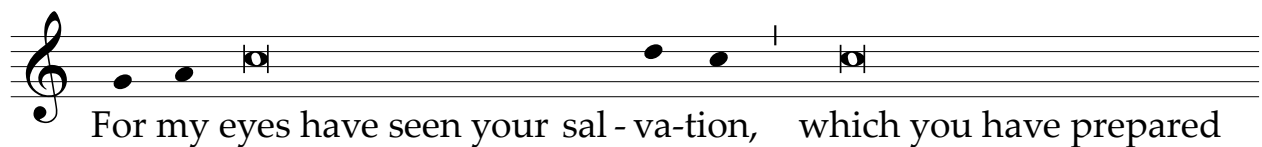
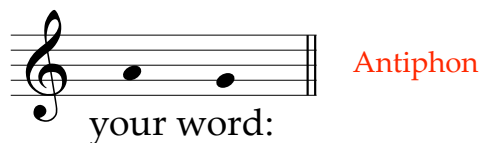
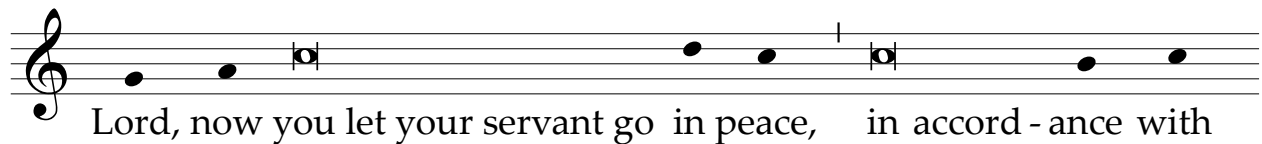
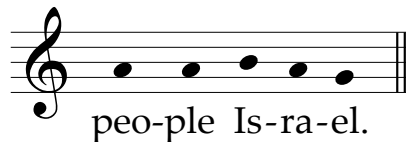
Antiphon

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.



Or:

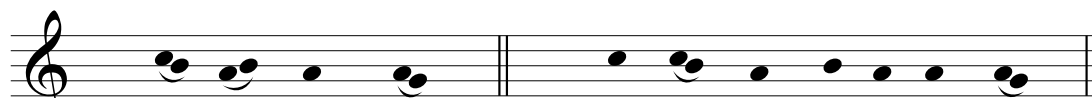
Antiphon



The mystery of the Presentation of the Lord



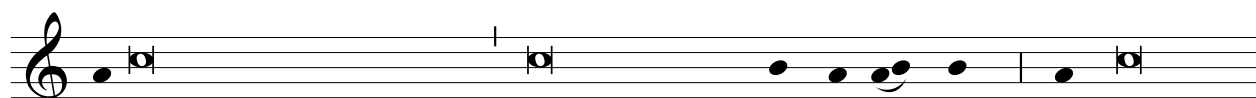
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.



V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.



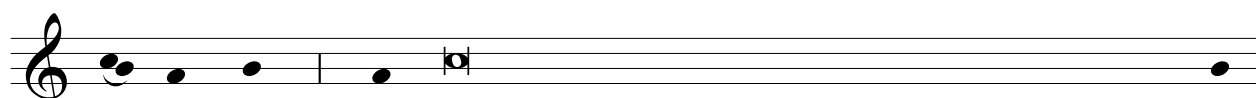
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.



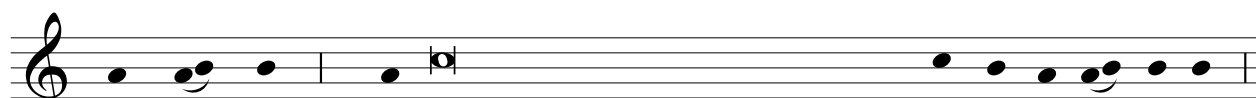
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and



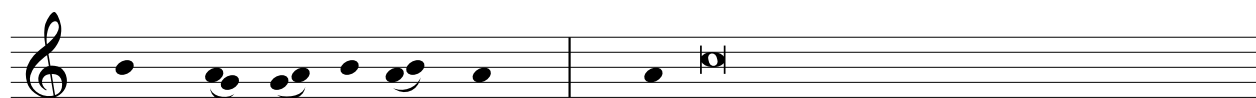
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-




-ter-nal God. For your co-eternal Son was presented on this day in



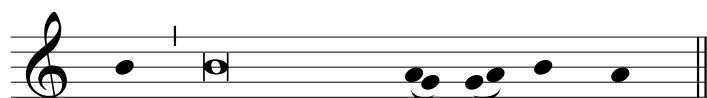
the Tem-ple and revealed by the Spirit as the glo-ry of Is-ra-el



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: