

transposed from the original



1. Im - ma - cu - late Ma - ry, thy prais - es we _
2. In hea - ven the bles - sed thy glo - ry pro -
3. Thy name is our pow - er, thy vir - tues our _
4. We pray for our Moth - er, the Church up - on _



1. sing, Who reign - est in splen - dor with
2. claim; On earth, we thy chil - dren in -
3. light, Thy love is our com - fort, thy
4. earth, And bless, dear - est La - dy, the



1. Je - sus our _ King. A - ve, A - ve,
2. voke thy fair _ name.
3. plead - ing our _ might.
4. land of our _ birth.



A - ve Ma - ri - a! A - ve, A - ve Ma - ri - a!

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Sing of Mary (#702)

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Hail Holy Queen (#200)

Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Candlemas*)



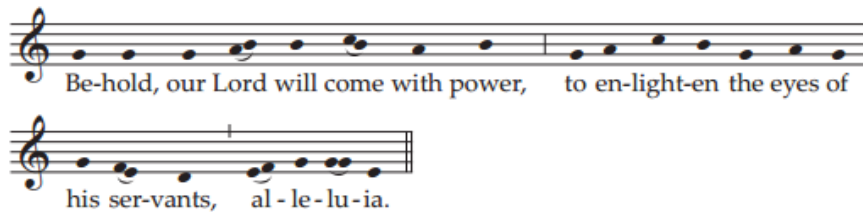
Saint Patrick School, Maysville, KY

2 February

THE BLESSING OF CANDLES

The Priest will approach the faithful who are holding unlighted candles:

The following antiphon is sung and the candles are then lit:



The Priest then greets the faithful in the normal fashion:

V/. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And with you spirit.

ALLOCUTION:

Dear brethren, forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law, but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple. Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognized the Lord and confessed him with exultation. So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ. There we shall find him and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, until he comes again, revealed in glory.

BLESSING OF CANDLES:

Let us pray.

O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the Light for revelation for the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing + these candles, which we

are eager to carry in praise of your name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails. Through Christ our Lord.

R/.

Amen.

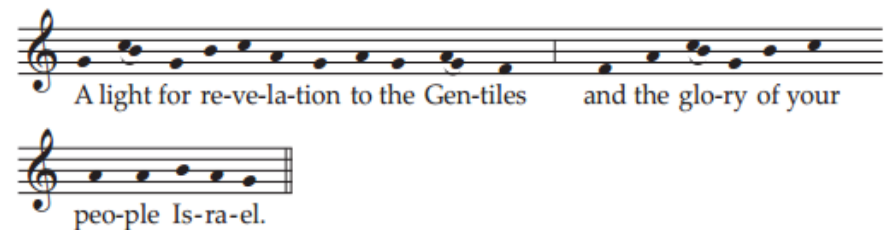
The Priest then sprinkles the candles with holy water:

THE PROCESSION

The Priest then chants:



And the Procession is formed and all process to the Church. Students will follow the servers. First the following antiphon is chanted:



V/. LORD, now you let your servant go **in peace**, *
in accordance *with your word*.

V/. For **my eyes** *
have seen *your salvation*.

V/. Which you have **prepared** *
in the sight of *all the peoples*.

V/. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spirit**, *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **Amen**.

Then the hymn Immaculate Mary is sung (#198)

Mass continues with the Gloria

Candles are extinguished after the Opening Prayer.