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Wax tapers is made on the altar. The Bishop puts incense into the brazier or he lights the heap of incense with a wax taper handed to him by a minister, saying:

Let our prayer rise, O Lord, like incense in your sight; and as this house is filled with a pleasing fragrance, so let your Church be fragrant with the aroma of Christ.

27. Then the Bishop puts incense into a number of thuribles and incenses the altar; next, he returns to the chair, is incensed, and sits. Ministers, walking through the main body of the church, incense the people and the walls.

28. Meanwhile, one of the following antiphons is sung with Psalm 138 (137):

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1 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart; * you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I praise you. *

2 I bow down toward your holy temple. R.

I give thanks to your name * for your merciful love and your faithfulness. For you have exalted over all * your name and your promise.

3 On the day I called, you answered me; * you increased the strength of my soul. R.

4 All earth’s kings shall thank you, O Lord, * when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, * “How great is the glory of the Lord!” R.

5 The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly, * and the haughty he knows from afar. R.

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