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THE DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

Anointing of the Altar (in Easter Time)
(Chapter IV, no. 51)

Psalm 45 (44)

1 My heart overflows with noble words.
2 To the king I address the song I have made, my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe. R.

Psalm 118 (117)

1 Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures forever.
16 “The Lord’s right hand is exalted. * The Lord’s right hand has done mighty deeds.” R.
17 I shall not die, I shall live * and recount the deeds of the Lord.
18 The Lord has punished me severely, * but did not hand me over to death.
21 I will thank you, for you have answered, * and you are my savior. R.

Psalm 118 (117)

22 The stone that the builders rejected * has become the cornerstone.
23 By the Lord has this been done, * a marvel in our eyes.
24 This is the day the Lord has made; * let us rejoice in it and be glad. R.
25 We beseech you, O Lord, grant salvation; * We beseech you, O Lord, grant success.
26 Blest is he who comes * in the name of the Lord.
27 We bless you from the house of the Lord; * the Lord is God, and has given us light. R.

Go forward in procession with branches, * as far as the horns of the altar. R.