THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

Anointing of the Altar and the Walls of the Church, first option (Chapter II, no. 64)



- How lovely is *your* dwelling place, * O Lord *of* hosts.
- My soul is longing and yearning * for the courts of the Lord.
 My heart and my flesh cry out * to the living God. R.
- Even the sparrow finds *a* **home**, *
 and the swallow a nest for *herself*in which she sets her young, at *your* **al**tars, *
 O LORD of hosts, my king and *my* **God**. **R**.



- As they go through the Baca Valley, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rain covers it with pools.
- They walk with ever-growing **strength**; the God of gods will appear *in* **Zion**. R.
- O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * give ear, O God of Jacob.
- Turn your eyes, O God, our **shield**; * look on the face of your anointed. R.
- One day within *your* **courts** *
 is better than a thousand **else**where.
 The threshold of the house of my **God** *
 I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked. R.
- For the LORD God is a sun, a shield; *
 the LORD will give us his favor and glory.
 He will not withhold any good *
 to those who walk without blame.
- O LORD of hosts, how **bless**ed * is the man who trusts in **you**! R.

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