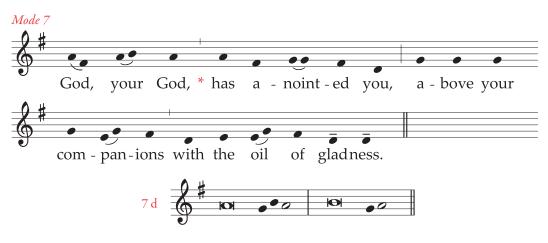
## THE DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR Anointing of the Altar (outside of Easter Time) (Chapter IV, no. 50)



## Psalm 45 (44)

- <sup>2</sup> My heart overflows with noble words. † To the king I address the song *I have* made, \* my tongue as nimble as the pen of *a* scribe. R.
- <sup>3</sup> You are the most handsome of the sons of men, <sup>†</sup> and graciousness is poured out up*on your* **lips**, <sup>\*</sup> for God has blessed you forev*er***more**. **R**.
- <sup>4</sup> Gird your sword upon your *thigh*, O **might**y one, \* with your splendor and *your* **maj**esty.
- <sup>5</sup> In your majesty ride on triumphant <sup>+</sup> in the cause of truth, meek*ness, and* right. \* May your right hand show your wondrous deeds. R.
- <sup>6</sup> Your arrows are sharp—peoples *fall beneath* you— \* in the heart of the foes of *the* king. R.
- Your throne, O God, shall endure forever. +
  A scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom. \*
  Your love is for uprightness: your batred for evil R
- Your love is for uprightness; your hatred *for* **ev**il. **R**.

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