

The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

also called Candlemas

At the distribution of candles

The Cantor sings the Antiphon and it is repeated by the choir and congregation.



A light to light - en the Gen - tiles, and the glo-ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra-el.

Then the Cantor begins the Nunc dimittis

Antiphon



Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to thy word.

Antiphon



For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion. Which thou hast pre - par - ed

Antiphon



be - fore the face of all peo - ple. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning,

Antiphon



is now and ev - er shall be world with - out end. A - men.

Antiphon



O Lord a - rise help us, and de - li - ver us,



for thy Name's sake O God we have heard with our ears

our fa - thers have de - clar - ed un - to us Glo - ry be

to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in

the beginning, is now and ev - er shall be world with - out end. A - men.

Repeat antiphon

At the Procession

Let us go forth in peace. In the Name of Christ. A - men.

O Si - on, a dorn thy bride cham - ber, and re - ceive Christ the King.

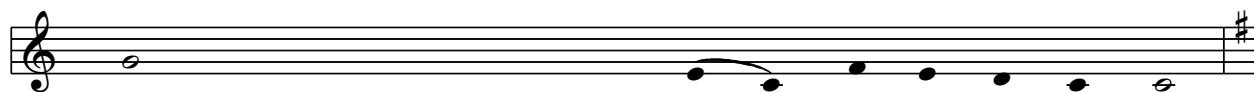
Greet Ma - ry who is the gate of Hea - ven for she beareth the King of the

glo - ry of the new light. She re - main - eth a Vir - gin,

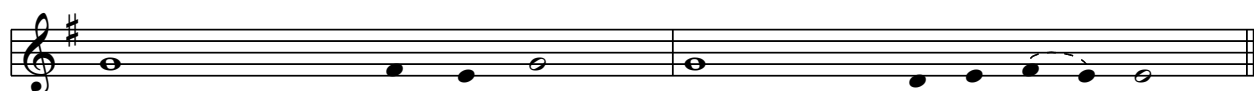
yet bear - eth in her hands a Son be - got - ten be - fore the morn - ing star.



Whom Sim - e - on took in his arms, declaring to the nations



that is he the Lord of life and death and Sav - ior of the world.



1. It was revealed unto Simeon by the / Holy Ghost: * that he should not see death before he had / seen the Lord's Christ.
2. And when they brought the Child into the Temple; then he took him up in his arms, and blessed / God and said: * Lord, now lettest thou thy ser/vant depart in peace.
3. When his parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom / of the Law, * then took he / him up in his arms.

"O Sion, adorn..." may be repeated, if needed. The following is sung at the conclusion of the Procession.



1. They offered for him unto the Lord a pair of turtledoves or / two young pigeons * as it is written in / the Law of the Lord.
2. When the days of Mary's purification according to the Law of Moses / were accomplished * they brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in / the Law of the Lord.
3. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Ghost: * as it is written in / the Law of the Lord.