

# THE DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

## Entrance Antiphon, first option

(Chapter IV, no. 33)

Mode 4

Turn your eyes, \* O God, our shield, and look on the face  
of your A-noint-ed One; one day with-in your courts is  
bet-ter than a thou-sand else-where. (E.T. Al - le - lu - ia.)

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## Psalm 43 (42)

- 1 Give me justice, O God, and plead my **cause** \*  
against a nation *that is faithless*.  
From the deceitful and the **cunning** \*  
rescue *me*, O **God**. **R.**
- 2 You, O God, are my **strength**; \*  
why have *you* **rejected** me?  
Why do I go **mourning**, \*  
oppressed by *the foe*? **R.**
- 3 O send forth your light and your **truth**; \*  
they will *guide me on*.  
They will bring me to your holy **mountain**, \*  
to the place *where you dwell*. **R.**
- 4 And I will come to the altar of **God**, \*  
to God, my *joy and gladness*.  
To you will I give thanks on the **harp**, \*  
O *God*, my **God**. **R.**
- 5 Why are you cast down, my **soul**; \*  
why *groan within* me?  
Hope in God; I will praise him yet **again**, \*  
my saving presence *and my God*. **R.**