

# THE DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

Incensation of the Altar, first option  
(Chapter IV, no. 53)

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## Psalm 138 (137)

- 1 I thank you, LORD, with all my **heart**; \*  
you have heard the words *of my mouth*.  
In the presence of the angels I **praise** you. \*
- 2 I bow down toward your *holy temple*. **R.**  
I give thanks to your **name** \*  
for your merciful love *and your faithfulness*.  
For you have exalted over **all** \*  
your name *and your promise*.
- 3 On the day I called, you **answered** me; \*  
you increased the strength *of my soul*. **R.**
- 4 All earth's kings shall thank you, O LORD, \*  
when they hear the words *of your mouth*.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
"How great is the glory *of the Lord!*" **R.**
- 6 The LORD is high, yet he looks on the **lowly**, \*  
and the haughty he knows *from afar*. **R.**