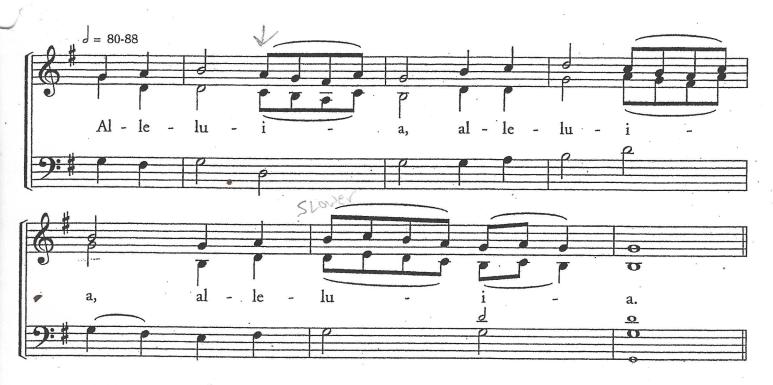
THE EPISTLE

THE HOLY GOSPEL



The psalm verses are read by a soloist/chanter; we repeat the triple Alleluia.



After the Gospel we sing again: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

(The priest, turning towards the Prothesis, says in a low voice:) Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed are You on the throne of glory of Your kingdom, seated upon the Cherubim always, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE READINGS

THE EPISTLE

Priest: Let us be attentive.

Reader: (The Reader reads the verses from the Psalms.)

Priest: Wisdom.

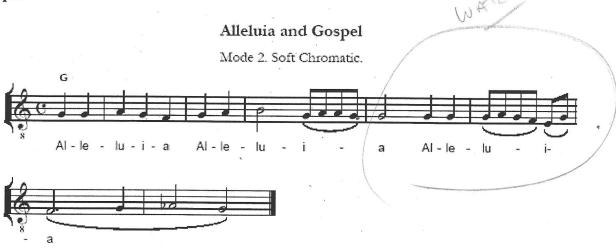
Reader: The reading is from (the name of the book of the New Testament from which the Apostolic reading is taken).

Priest: Let us be attentive.

Reader: (The Reader reads the designated Apostolic pericope.)

Priest: Peace be with you the reader.

People:



Priest (in a low voice): Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the holy Gospel. Peace be with all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to (Name). Let us be attentive.

People:



Priest: (*The Priest reads the designated pericope of the holy Gospel.)

People:



THE HOMILY

(Following the readings, it is customary for the priest to proclaim the Gospel.)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest (in a low voice): Again, we bow before You and pray to You, O good and loving God. Hear our supplication: cleanse our souls and bodies from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and grant that we may stand before Your holy altar without blame or condemnation. Grant also, O God, progress in life, faith, and spiritual discernment to the faithful who pray with us, so that they may always worship You with reverence and love, partake of Your Holy Mysteries without blame or condemnation, and become worthy of Your heavenly kingdom.

Priest: And grant that always guarded by Your power we may give glory to You, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.