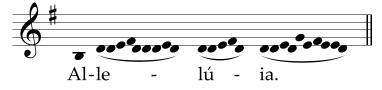


## LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the last reading from the Old Testament with its Responsorial Psalm and its prayer, the altar candles are lit, and the Priest intones the hymn Gloria in excelsis Deo, which is taken up by all, while the bells are rung, according to local custom.



After the Epistle has been read, all rise, and the Priest three times, raising his voice by a step each time, solemnly intones Alleluia, which all repeat. If necessary, the psalmist intones the Alleluia.



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