

THE DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR

Anointing of the Altar (outside of Easter Time)

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God, your God, * has a - noint - ed you, a - bove your
com - pan - ions with the oil of gladness.

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Psalm 45 (44)

- 2 My heart overflows with noble words. †
To the king I address the song *I have made*, *
my tongue as nimble as the pen of a **scribe**. **R.**
- 3 You are the most handsome of the sons of men, †
and graciousness is poured out upon *your lips*, *
for God has blessed you **forevermore**. **R.**
- 4 Gird your sword upon your *thigh*, O **mighty one**, *
with your splendor and *your majesty*.
- 5 In your majesty ride on triumphant †
in the cause of truth, *meekness, and right*. *
May your right hand show your **wondrous deeds**. **R.**
- 6 Your arrows are sharp—peoples *fall beneath* you— *
in the heart of the foes of *the king*. **R.**
- 7 Your throne, O God, shall endure forever. †
A scepter of justice is the scepter of *your kingdom*. *
8 Your love is for uprightness; your hatred *for evil*. **R.**