Exsultet

Praeconium Paschale
E-JOICE HEAVENLY POWERS! SING

CHOIRS OF ANGELS! Exult all creation around God's

throne. Jesus Christ our King is risen. Sound the trumpet

of salvation. RE-JOICE, O Earth, in shining splendor,

radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has

conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes
for-ev-er! RE-JOICE, O Mo-ther Church! Ex-ult in glo-ry!

The Ris-en Sa-vior shines up-on you. Let this place

re-sound with joy, ech-o-ing the might-y song of all God's

peo- ple. My dear-est friends, stand-ing with me in this

ho-ly light, join with me in ask-ing God for mer-cy that he

may give his un-wor-thy min-i-ster grace to sing his Eas-ter
praises.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.
It is truly right that with full hearts and minds
and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-
powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us
the price of Adam's sin to our Eternal Father! This is
our Passover Feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain.
whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night, when first you saved our fathers, you

freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led

them dry-shod through the Sea. This is the night when

the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin! This is

the night when Christians every-where, washed clean of
sin and freed from all de-file-ment, are re-stored to grace
and grow to-geth-er in ho-li-ness. This is the night, when
Je-sus Christ broke the chains of death and rose
tri-umph-ant from the grave. What good would life have
been to us had Christ not come as our Re-deem-er? Fa-ther,
how won-der-ful your care for us. How bound-less your
merciful love. To ransom a slave, you gave away your Son.

O HAPPY FAULT, O Necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer. Most Blessed of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead! Of this night Scripture says: The
night will be as clear as day. It will become my light, my joy. The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride. NIGHT TRULY BLESSED when Heaven is wedded to Earth, and all are reconciled
with God. + + + + + + 

Therefore, Heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, 

receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's 

solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle, fashioned 

from the work of bees, a flame divided but undimmed, 

a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God. Let it
min-gle with the lights of heav-en and con-tin-ue brave-ly

burn-ing to dis-pel the dark-ness of this night. May the

MORNING STAR, which nev-er sets, find this flame still

burn-ing. +++ CHRIST +++ that MORNING STAR,

who came back from the dead and shed peace-ful light on

all, your SON, who lives and reigns for-ev-er and ev-er.

A-MEN.
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