

## The Liturgy of Light

### GATHERING:

**(Together say)** *Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him forever in God.*

### PREPARE THE CANDLE:

The celebration begins with preparing the Paschal Candle. A leader says the words below (1-8) while tracing or touching the symbols with a finger on the candle as indicated.

**(leader says)** *This candle is a sign and symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died and is risen.*

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| 1. <i>Christ yesterday and today</i>            | trace Vertical bar   |
| 2. <i>the Beginning and the End</i>             | trace Horizontal bar |
| 3. <i>the Alpha</i>                             | touch above cross    |
| 4. <i>and the Omega</i>                         | touch below cross    |
| 5. <i>All time belongs to him</i>               | touch 2 Upper left   |
| 6. <i>and all the ages</i>                      | touch 0 Upper right  |
| 7. <i>To him be glory and power</i>             | touch 2 Lower left   |
| 8. <i>through every age and for ever. Amen.</i> | touch 1 Lower right  |



### LIGHT THE PASCHAL CANDLE:

**(Leader says)** *May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

**PROCESSION:** Choose a beginning and an endpoint (prayer table?) for your procession. Everyone lines up behind the Leader who is holding the lit Paschal Candle. Process, stop three times and raise the Paschal Candle for all to see, and sing or say:

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Place the Paschal Candle on or near the Prayer Table.

**THE EASTER PROCLAMATION: (leader or all together)**

*Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!*

*Rejoice, O earth, as glory floods you, ablaze with light from your eternal King!  
Glory fills you! Christ has conquered! Darkness vanishes for ever!*

*Rejoice, O Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you!  
Let this holy place be filled with joy, echoing the mighty voices of all God's people!*

**PROCLAMATION of the SCRIPTURES:** Read aloud Matthew 28: 5-6

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here: for he has risen!"*

**PASSING of the LIGHT :**

**(Leader says)** *The eternal light of the Risen Christ is a powerful and far reaching light. He gives it as a gift to all who come close to Him. (Name), the Light of Christ is for you.*

*(Each person lights their own candle from the Paschal Candle when their name is said.)*

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**(Leader says)** *May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen*

**CLOSING SONG: (all sing)**

Alleluia Song    or    Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to His Name!

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