

## ***The Easter Proclamation [ The Exsultet ]***

**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, in shining splendor,**

**radiant in the brightness of your King!**

**Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!**

**Darkness vanishes forever!**

**Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!**

**The risen Savior shines upon you!**

**Let this place resound with joy.**

**echoing the mighty song of all God's people!**

**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 everywhere,**

**washed clean of sin**

**and freed from all defilement,**

**are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.**

**This is the night when Jesus Christ**

**broke the chains of death**

**and rose triumphant from the grave.**

**What good would life have been to us  
had Christ not come as our Redeemer?**

**Father, how wonderful your care for us!  
How boundless 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 man is 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,  
a flame divided but undimmed,  
a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.**

**Let it mingle with the lights of heaven  
and continue bravely burning  
to dispel the darkness of this night!**

**May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning;  
Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead,  
and shed his peaceful light on all mankind,  
your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**