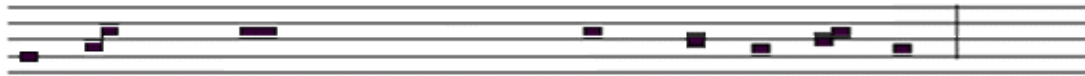


# **THE EXULTET**

to be sung by the deacon at the Lighting of the Paschal Candle

This version taken from a written manuscript used by  
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also at: [http://www.tip.net.au/~lindafrd/Exultet/The\\_Exultet.htm](http://www.tip.net.au/~lindafrd/Exultet/The_Exultet.htm)



Re ~ joice, heav'nly powers! Sing, choirs of an~gels!



Ex ~ ult all cre a tion a ~ round God's throne!



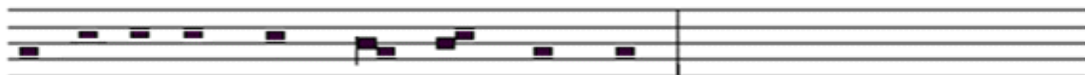
Je sus Christ, our King, is ri ~ sen!



Sound the trum pet of sal va ~ tion!



Re ~ joice, O earth, in shin ing splen ~ dour,



rad iant in the bright ness of your King!



Christ has conquered, glo ry fills you!



Darkness van ~ ish es for ev ~ er!



Re ~ joice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!



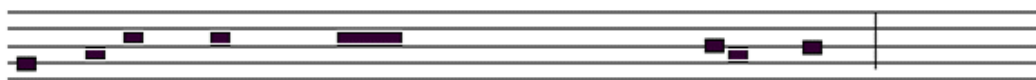
The risen Saviour shines up ~ on you!



Let this place re ~ sound with joy,



Ech o ing the mighty song of all God's people!



My dearest friends, standing with me in this holy light,



Join me in asking God for mercy,



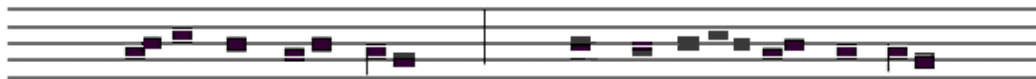
that he might give me, his unworthy Levite



grace to sing his Easter praises.



**V** The Lord be with you, **R** And also with you



**V** Lift up your hearts **R** We lift them to the Lord



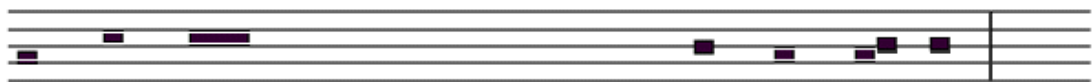
**V** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God



**R** It is right to give our thanks and praise



It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices



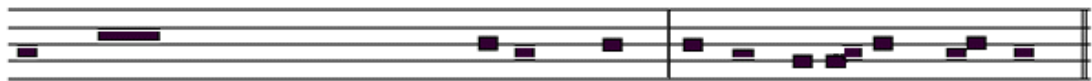
we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father



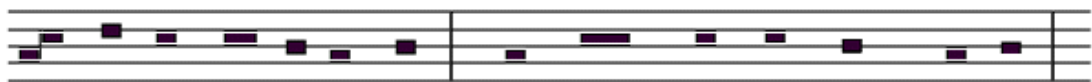
and his only Son our Lord Jesus Christ



For Christ has ransomed us with his blood



and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!



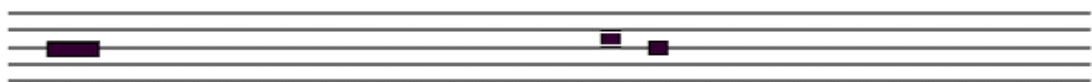
This is our pass over feast, When Christ, the true Lamb, is slain,



whose blood consecrates the homes of all be ~ lie ~ vers.



✠This is the night when first you saved our fathers;



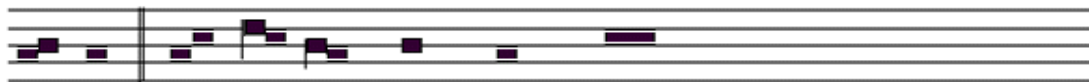
you freed the people of Israel from their slavery



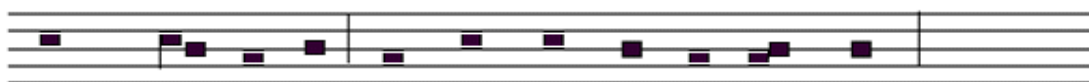
and led them dry shod through the sea.



✿ 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 de~file ~ ment



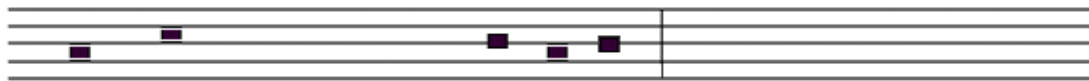
are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.



✿ This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death



and rose tri ~ um ~ phant from the grave.



✿ What good would life have been to us,



had Christ not come as our re~deemer?



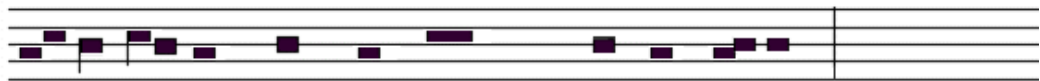
✿ Father, how wonderful your care for us!



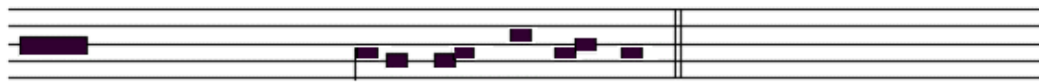
How boundless your merciful love



To ransom a slave you gave a way your son



O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam



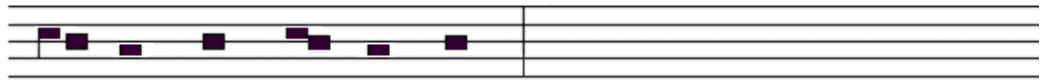
which gained for us so great a Redeemer!



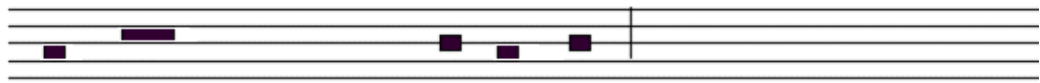
✧ Most blessed of all nights,



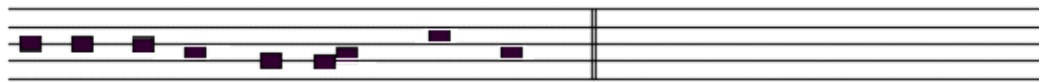
chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead



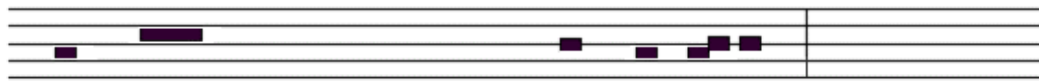
✧ Of this night scripture says



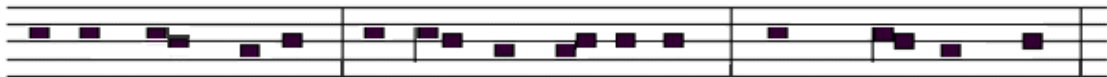
“The night will be as clear as the day:



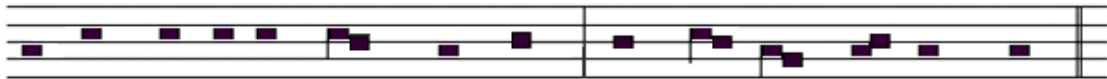
it will become my light, my joy.”



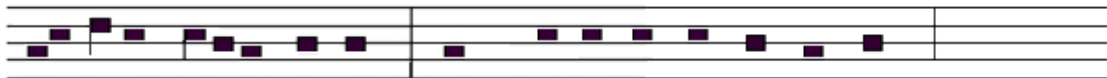
✧ The power of this holy night dispels all evil,



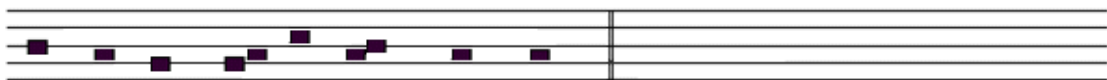
washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy:



it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.



⊗Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth



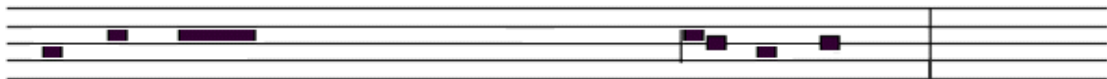
and we are re~con~ciled with God!



⊗Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night,



receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your church's solemn off~ering.



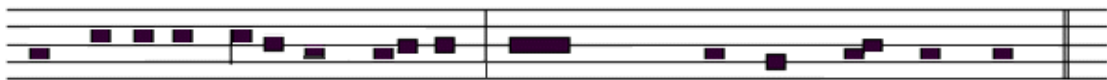
⊗Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but undimmed,



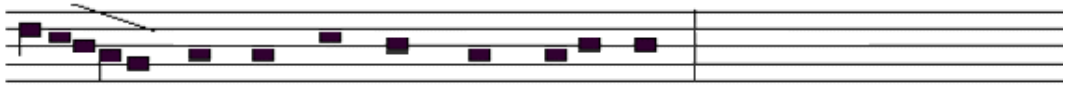
a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God.



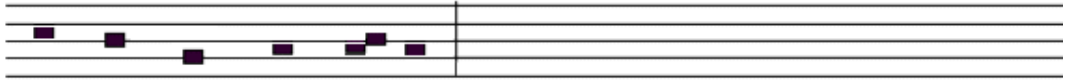
⊗Let it mingle with the lights of heaven



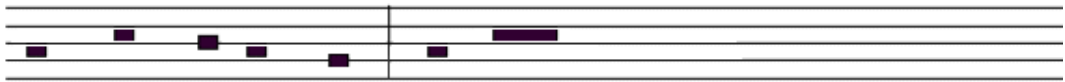
and continue bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night.



May the Morning Star which never sets



find this flame still burning:



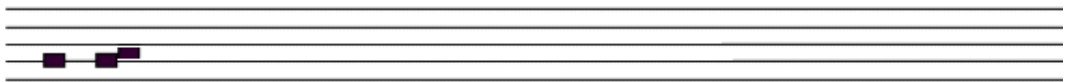
Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead,



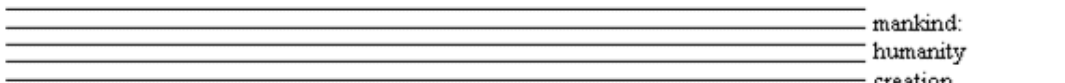
and shed his peaceful light on all the earth,



your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever,



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mankind:  
humanity  
creation  
**the earth**  
the world

