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A: Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries



with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of



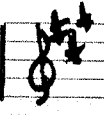
salvation.



Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and, made brilliant by



the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished



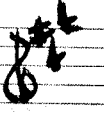
from all the world.



Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light,



and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples.



A: The Lord be with you.



C: And also with you.



A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.



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A: It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart,



and mind, and voice praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and his only Son,

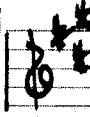


our Lord, Jesus Christ;



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who paid for us the debt of Adam to the eternal Father, and who by his precious



blood redeemed us from the bondage to the ancient sin.

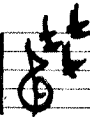


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For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by

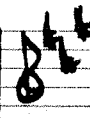


whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.



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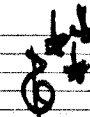
This is the night in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears,



the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt; and led them, dry-shod, through



the Red Sea.



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This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and



the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace and holiness, by the rising brightness.

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This is the night in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from

hell in triumph.

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O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and the hour

wherein Christ arose again from hell!

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O night truly blessed in which heaven and earth are joined - things human

and things divine.

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We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord, that he, in whose honor this candle burns,

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will continue to vanquish the darkness of this night and faithfully shed light

on all the human race;

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through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you

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in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.