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Sacralisation of the Easter Candle

In the Name of † the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen!

Almighty, eternal GOD, please look down with kindness on this candle, which today we would like to solemnly sacralise and present to You as a token of our Easter joy.

Therefore, accompany our wretchedness with Your divine power that this present may become pleasing to You whilst You now † BLESS, † SACRALISE and † SANCTIFY it through us. Amen!

Sacralisation of the Fire

Almighty GOD, many of Your graces which You impart to Your faithful, are often compared with fire. Please look down on this fire and † BLESS and † SACRALISE it that it may inspire us to this holy sacralisation and may spiritually enkindle and warm up our hearts, now and for ever. Amen!

Incensation

The Sword-Bishop takes the Easter Candle
in his hand, raises it up and sings:

**CHRISTUS VINCIT!
CHRISTUS REGNAT!
CHRISTUS, CHRISTUS IMPERAT!**

**CHRIST CONQUERS!
CHRIST REIGNS!
CHRIST COMMANDS!**

Sword-Bishop:
**LUMEN CHRISTI!
(Light of CHRIST)**

People:
DEO GRATIAS!

Sword-Bishop:
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People:
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The great praise of the Easter Candle:

**Let them rejoice, the heavenly host of Angels! ●
Now rejoice, you holy beings close to GOD! ● Now
let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty
King's triumph! ● Let earth be glad, as, through
the Resurrection of our LORD JESUS CHRIST,
such a shining light floods her! ● And ablaze with
light from her eternal King, let all corners of the
earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and dar-
kness. ● Rejoice, let the Mother, the holy Church,**

also rejoice, adorned with the lightning of his glory! ● Let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the people. ● Therefore, dearest brothers and sisters, I ask you who are allowed to mystically see this awesome, clear, this holy light: ● invoke with me the mercy of GOD that He may deign to pour the spiritual splendour of this Easter light into the hearts of all of us, now and for ever. ● Amen!

Lift up your hearts!

People:

We have lifted them up to the LORD!

Sword-Bishop:

Let us give thanks to the LORD our GOD!

People:

It is right and just!

Sword-Bishop:

It is truly right and just to praise the invisible GOD and Almighty FATHER, ● and His only begotten SON, our LORD, and the HOLY GHOST ● with all the affection of heart and soul, and sound of voice. ● Because JESUS CHRIST, according to the will of the FATHER in the power of the HOLY GHOST, ● paid Adam's debt and, in His divine love, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness with his own dear Blood. ● We celebrate today this feast of Passover, in which is slain the one true Lamb. ● Today we celebrate the triumph of CHRIST, who, through the whole world, tears all those who

believe in CHRIST away from the vices of the world and the gloom of sin, restores them to grace, and joins them to the Saints. ● This is the solemnity, in which CHRIST broke the chains of death by rising victorious from the grave. ● Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed by JESUS CHRIST. ● O wonderful mercy of Your kindness towards us! ● O grace of Your love beyond all telling: to redeem a slave You gave away Your SON! ● This victory of CHRIST, therefore, puts vice to flight, washes sins away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those in sorrow. It drives out hatred, fosters harmony, makes the mighty bow. ● Receive, therefore, O Heavenly Father, our gift, which Your holy Church presents to You in the solemn offering of this candle. ● We pray You that this candle, sacralised to Your honour, may shine undimmed, to drive out our spiritual darkness. ● May it be pleasing to You as a fragrant sacrifice, and let it mingle with the lights of Heaven. ● We also ask You at this solemn hour to grant us peaceful times. ● Lead, guide, preserve Your Church as well as those men and women, whom you have vested with the powers of government over the peoples. ● Give them thoughts of justice and peace. ● We, therefore, pray You through JESUS CHRIST, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the HOLY GHOST from eternity to eternity. ● Amen!

Purification of the Water and the Salt

GOD TRINITY, we pray You, cleanse this water and salt from anything impure, harmful and evil, whatever the source:

in the Name of the + FATHER, of the SON, of the HOLY GHOST. Amen!

Mingling of Water and Salt

Almighty GOD, You created both water and salt. The water brings about natural cleansing and the salt makes fruitful. We pray You: at this mingling, let this water and salt also accomplish it in a spiritual manner.

The Sword-Bishop sprinkles the salt into the water and mingles it 3 times while blessing it with his hand.

In the Name of the + FATHER, of the + SON, of the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!

In this way prepared, we pray You, GOD Almighty, + SACRALISE and + SANCTIFY this water that it may be worthy to receive the power of the HOLY GHOST assigned to it. Amen!

May the power of the HOLY GHOST descend into this water and remain preserved in it, that it may be a spring which gives new spiritual life, gives new birth, blesses and cures both spiritual and

physical ailments, destroys diseases, helps to resist in temptations, makes pure what is impure, drives out and banishes the evil enemy of whatever kind, if used with a believing heart.

May it so happen in the Name of the ✝ FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen!

Holy, Triune GOD, accept, therefore, this sanctified candle as a gift for the celebration of this year's feast of Easter. Let it be to You a token of our gratitude and our love towards You, now and for ever. Amen!

The server scoops up some of the newly sacralised water and pours it into the baptismal font.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

And so, at this holy ceremony, let us renew the promises of holy Baptism.

And so I ask you:

Pr Do you renounce Satan?

All We do!

Pr And all his works?

All We do!

Pr And all his empty show?

All We do!

**Pr Do you believe in GOD, the Almighty FATHER,
Creator of Heaven and earth?**

All We do!

**Pr Do you believe in JESUS CHRIST, His only
begotten SON, our LORD, who was born and
who suffered?**

All We do!

**Pr Do you believe in the HOLY SPIRIT,
in one, holy, apostolic Church founded by
JESUS CHRIST,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the flesh,
and life everlasting?**

All We do!

**Pr So let us all pray to GOD as our LORD
JESUS CHRIST taught us to pray:**

Pr/All Our FATHER ...

**Pr And the Almighty GOD, the FATHER of our
LORD JESUS CHRIST, who made us reborn
from the water and the HOLY SPIRIT, and
gave us forgiveness of our sins: may He
preserve us in His grace, in CHRIST JESUS,
our LORD, to life everlasting.**

All Amen!

Music: For the peace from Above

**For the peace from above, and the salvation of our
souls, let us pray to the LORD.**

LORD, have mercy.

For favourable weather, an abundant yield of the fruits of the earth, and peaceful times, let us pray to the LORD.

LORD, have mercy.

For travellers by sea, land, and air; for the sick and the suffering; for the imprisoned and for their salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

LORD, have mercy.

For things beautiful and profitable for our souls, for pardon and remission of our sins and offences, and for peace for the world, let us pray to the LORD.

LORD, have mercy.

For a Christian end to our lives, painless, blameless and peaceful, that we may one day be able to give a good account before the dreadful judgement seat of CHRIST, let us pray to the LORD.

**Finally, the Sword-Bishop starts singing
the song "CHRIST is risen."**

SONG

CHRIST is risen! O resound, you songs of cheer, resound! The LORD, He lives, who reconciled us; glorified is the Easter Lamb that took away the sins of the world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHRIST is risen! In a wonderful battle, life wrestled with death; He who died lives, the Prince of life, JESUS CHRIST. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHRIST is risen! O Magdalen, announce to us what your amazed eyes saw: I saw the grave freed from death, and the glory of the Risen One. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHRIST is risen! I saw how GOD's Angel stood at the edge of the grave in a ray of light, the sheet, the shroud in the tomb, with which they had enveloped His body. Alleluia! Alleluia!