The Easter Proclamation
Exsultet

The Roman Missal

SATB, Solo Voice (Deacon, Priest, or Cantor) and Organ
with opt. Timpani

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Deacon, Priest, or Cantor: Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph!

Deacon, Priest, or Cantor

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
a blaze with light from her eternal King,

Unis.

let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an

end to gloom and darkness. Rejoice, let Mother Church

Div.

also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory.

Div.

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Deacon or Priest only*: (Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the awesome glory of this holy light, invoke with me, I ask you, the mercy of God almighty, that he, who has been pleased to number me, though unworthy, among the Levites, may pour into me his light unshadowed, that I may sing this candle’s perfect praises.)

*Text in parentheses omitted when proclaimed by a lay cantor.
These then are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,

Deacon, Priest, or Cantor

whose Blood anoints the door-posts of believers.

Deacon, Priest, or Cantor

This is the night, when once you led our fore-bears,

Unis.
Div.

This is the night,

Unis.
Div.

Israels children, from slavery in Egypt

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and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea. This is the night

Unis.
Div.

This is the night

Unis.
Div.

that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin. This is the night

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Deacon, Priest, or Cantor: that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace.

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and join-ing them to his ho-ly ones. This is the night,

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when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose vic-to-ri-ous from the un-der-world.

Timpani

Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been re-deemed.

Unis.

O wonder of your hum-ble care for us!

Div.

O Love, O char-i-ty be-yond all tell-ing,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

Deacon, Priest, or Cantor: O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

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worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day,

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Deacon, Priest, or Cantor: accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants’ hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church. But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God’s honor, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees

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dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away,

restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,

drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,

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to build a torch so precious. O truly blessed night,

O truly blessed night,
Deacon, Priest, or Cantor: Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven. 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,

Deacon, Priest, or Cantor

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and lives and reigns for ever and ever.