

Exsultet

Either *The minister sings the Introduction*



Re-joyce, hea-ven-ly pow-ers! Sing, choirs of an - gels!



O U - ni-verse, dance a - round God's throne!



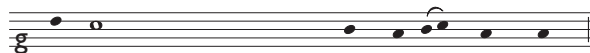
Je-sus Christ our King is ri - sen!



Sound the vic-to-rious trum-pet of sal-va - tion!



Re-joyce, O earth, in glo-ry, revealing the splendour of your cre-a - tion,



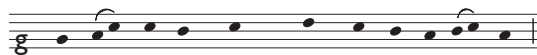
ra-diant in the brightness of your tri-um-phant King!



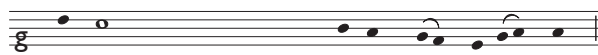
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glo-ry fill you!



Dark-ness va-ni-shes for ev - er!



Re-joyce, O Mo-ther Church! E-xult in glo-ry!



The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines u-pon you!



Let all God's peo-ple sing and shout for joy.

Or *Alternatively, the Introduction could be sung by the whole congregation to a tune of the metre 10.10.10.10 using the following form (see page 366).*

All **Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!**
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your King in glorious symphony!

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past, the day of life is here!

Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!
Let all God's people sound the long Amen!



The Lord be with you.



R. and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



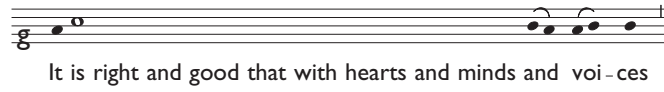
R. We lift them to the Lord.



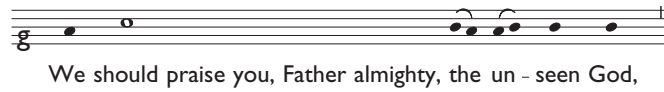
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give thanks and praise.



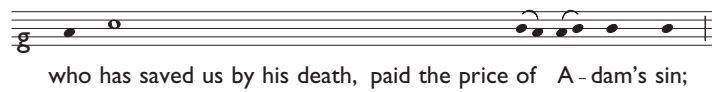
It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voi - ces



We should praise you, Father almighty, the un - seen God,



through your on - ly Son, Je - sus Christ our Lord,



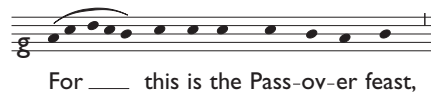
who has saved us by his death, paid the price of A - dam's sin;



and reconciled us once a - gain to you.



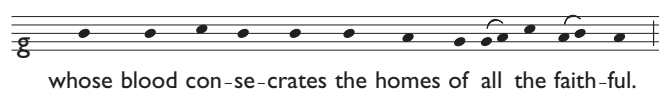
Glo - ry to you for ev - er.



For ___ this is the Pass - ov - er feast,



when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain,



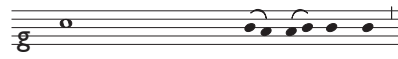
whose blood con - se - crates the homes of all the faith - ful.



Glo - ry to you for ev - er.



This ___ is the night [day†] when you first saved our an-ces-tors,



freeing Israel from her sla-ve-ry



and lead-ing her safe-ly through the sea.



Glo - ry to you for ev - er.



This ___ is the night [day] when Je-sus Christ van-quished hell,



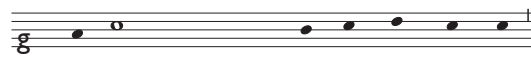
broke the chains of death and rose tri-um-phant from the grave.



Glo - ry to you for ev - er.



This ___ is the night [day]



when all who believe in him are freed from sin



restored to grace and ho-li-ness, and share the vic-to-ry of Christ.



Glo - ry to you for ev - er.

† [said/sung during the day]



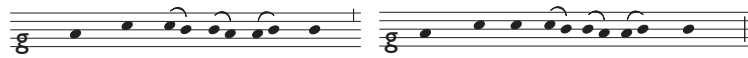
This — is the night [day] that gave us back what we had lost;



be-yond our deep-est dreams you made e-ven our sin a hap-py fault.



Glo - ry to you for ev - er.



Most bless-ed of all nights! [Crown-ing glo-ry of all feasts!†]



E-vil and ha-tred are put to flight and sin is washed a-way,



lost innocence re-gained, and mourn-ing turned to joy.



Glo - ry to you for ev - er.



Night [Feast†] tru-ly blessed, when hatred is cast out,



peace and jus-tice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth



and all cre-a-tion re-con-ciled to you.

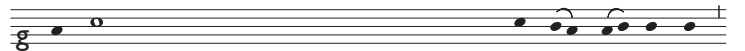


Glo - ry to you for ev - er.


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There-fore, hea-ven-ly Fa-ther, in this our Eas-ter joy




ac-cept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's so-lemn of-fer-ing, ††



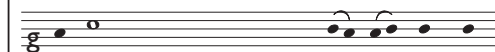
this wax, the work of bees and the hands of your mi-ni-sters.




Glo-ry to you for ev-er.



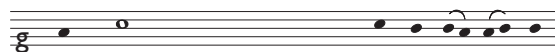
As we gaze upon the splen-dour of this flame



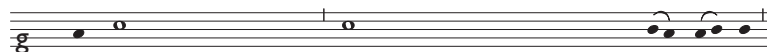
fed by melting wax conceived by mo-ther bee,




grant that this Easter Can-dle may make our dark-ness light.




For Christ the morning star has ri-sen in glo-ry;



Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns with-in us!



Christ sheds his peace-ful light on all the world!



Christ lives and reigns for ev-er and ev-er! **A - men.**

†† *The text in square brackets may be omitted (see page 360).*