Either

The minister sings the Introduction

Re-joice, 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-joice, 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 con-quered! Now his life and glo-ry fill you!

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

Re-joice, O Mo-ther Church! Exult 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.
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).

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.

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.
It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices
We should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin;
and reconciled us once again to you.

Glory to you for ever.

For this is the Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain,
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

Glory to you for ever.
This is the night when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea.

Glory to you forever.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphantly from the grave.

Glory to you forever.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.

Glory to you forever.

† [said/sung during the day]
Gained, and mourning turned to joy.

Evil and hated are put to flight and sin is washed away.

Most blessed of all nights!

Evil and hated are put to flight and sin is washed away.

Lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,

Peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth

And all creation reconciled to you.

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

Beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.

Glory to you for ever.

Glory to you for ever.

Glory to you for ever.

† [said/sung during the day]
Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church’s solemn offering. ††

This wax, the work of bees and the hands of your ministers.

Glory to you for ever.

As we gaze upon the splendour of this flame
fed by melting wax conceived by mother bee,

grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;

Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!

Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!

Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! Amen.

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