

# The Chant of the Exsultet at the Easter Vigil

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$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 160$  (for all the chant verses)

DEACON



Re - joi - ce\_ now, hea - ven - ly hosts and choirs of an - gels,

2



and let your tru - pets sound Sal - va - tion

3



for\_ the vic - to - ry of\_ our\_ migh - ty King.

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 120$  (for all the harmonized verses)

S  
A



Re - joi - ce and\_ sing now, all the round earth,

T  
B



9



bright\_ with a glo - rious\_ splen - dor, for\_



12

dark - ness has been van - quished by our e - ter - nal King.

DEACON

Re - joice and be glad now, Mo - ther Church,

17

and let your ho - ly courts, in ra - diant light,

18

Re - sound with the prai - ses of your peo - ple.

S  
A

All you who stand near this mar - vel - ous and

T  
B

23

ho - ly flame, pray with us to God the Al - migh - ty for the

28

grace to sing the wor - thy praise of this great light.

**DEACON**

Through Je - sus Christ his Son our Lord,

34

who lives and reigns with him in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

35

One God for ev - er and ev - er.

*(People)* A - men.

37

*(Deacon)* The Lord be with you.

38

*(People)* And also with you.

39 \* *omit if the singer is not in Deacon's Orders*

\* *(Deacon)* Lift up your hearts.

40 \* *omit if the singer is not in Deacon's Orders*

\* *(People)* We lift them to the Lord.

41

*(Deacon)* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

42

(People) It is right\_\_\_\_\_ to give him thanks\_ and praise.\_\_\_\_

43

It is tru - ly\_\_\_\_\_ right\_\_\_\_\_ and good al - ways and ev - 'ry -

48

where with our whole heart\_\_\_\_\_ and mind\_\_\_\_\_ and voice, to\_\_\_\_\_ praise\_ you, the in -

53

vis - i - ble,\_\_\_\_\_ al - migh - ty, and e - ter - nal God and your on - ly - be -

57

got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ\_\_\_\_\_ our Lord.

*DEACON*

For he\_\_\_\_\_ is the true\_\_\_\_\_ Pas - chal Lamb,

63

who at the feast of the Pass - o - ver

64

paid for us the debt of\_\_\_\_\_ A - dam's sin,

65

and by his blood de - liv - ered your\_\_\_\_\_ faith - fu peo - ple.

S  
A

This is the night\_\_\_\_\_ when you brought our\_\_\_\_\_ fa - thers, the\_

T  
B

70

chil - dren of Is - ra - el,\_\_\_\_\_ out\_\_\_\_\_ of bon - dage in E - gypt, and

75

led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

80

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ

81

are delivered from the gloom of sin,

82

and are restored to grace and holiness of life.


S  
A

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and


T  
B


88


hell and rose victorious from the grave.


*DEACON*  How \_\_\_\_\_ won - der - ful and be - yond our know - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ God,

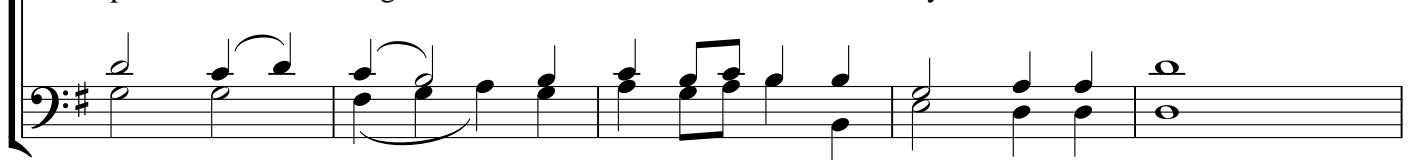
94  is your mer - cy and lov - ing - kind - ness \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us,


95  that to re - deem a slave, you gave \_\_\_\_\_ a Son.


*S*  
*A*  How\_ ho - ly\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ this night, when\_ wick - ed - ness is

*T*  
*B* 

101  put\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ flight \_\_\_\_\_ and sin is washed a - way. It re - stores \_\_\_\_\_



106  in - no - cence \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ fal - len, and \_\_\_\_\_ joy \_\_\_\_\_ to



110

those who mourn. It casts out

114

pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

DEACON

How blessed is this night,

119

where earth and heaven are joined

120

and we are reconciled to God.

S  
A

Ho - ly Fa - ther, ac - cept our eve - ning sa - cri -

T  
B

Ho - ly Fa - ther, ac - cept our eve - ning sa - cri -



126

fice, the of - fring of this can - dle in your


131


ho - nor. May it shine con - tin - ual - ly to

134

drive a - way all dark - ness.

DEACON    
 May\_\_\_ Christ, the Mor - ning Star who knows no\_\_\_ set - ting,

138    
 find it ev - - er\_\_\_ burn - ing --

139    
 he who gives his light to all cre - a - tion,

140    
 and who lives and reigns for ev - er\_\_\_ and ev - er. (People) A - men.---

*In memory of*

*the Rev'd Dr. Steven Conrad Schaber, Deacon*

*Memory Eternal!*