

## The Service of Light

*The service begins with all the lights in church switched off  
and the unlit Easter Candle at the church door.*

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him and all ages.

**To him be glory and power  
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.  
Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God.  
As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,  
we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death  
and live with him for ever.

*The Easter Candle is lit*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Candle is raised and carried to the Sanctuary  
as the following response is repeated*

The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Candle is put in place by the High Altar  
and the Exsultet (the Easter Song of Praise) may be said.*

*The service continues with the Gloria in excelsis,  
the Collect for Easter Sunday  
and the Liturgy of the Word.*

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?  
**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?  
**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?  
**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?  
**I come to Christ.**

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ  
give you the strength to continue in the way