

## Blessing of the Easter Candle: Easter Proclamation

### *Community Acclamation:*

**Radiant light of God now rising  
break through the darkness of our times.**

### *Leader:*

Rejoice, rejoice, you heavens!  
Burst into song, choirs of angels.  
Stars and planets, twirl in praise!  
Rejoice, O Earth!  
Mountains and hills, be clothed in joy.  
Rivers, streaming through thirsty soil, clap your hands!  
All creation dance with your God.  
For Jesus, the Anointed One, is risen!

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Rejoice, O people; break your silence.  
Young and old, be glad; women and men, shout praise.  
Sound your trumpets! Strike up your drums!  
Jesus, the Savior is living!  
His new life fills you.  
Death is banished forever.  
Rejoice, people of every color!  
You are set free, people of every tongue.  
Christ, the Sun of Justice, pierces every darkness.  
You are robed in his brilliance.  
Let this place resound with joy; let every heart revel in gladness,  
and echo the praise of all God's creation!

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Therefore, God most gracious, Father so faithful,  
in the dawning light of this new day,  
we offer you our hearts' praise.  
Bless this Easter Candle.  
May this pillar of fire lead us out of every darkness  
into the radiance of your love.  
May the Sun of Justice, which never sets,  
find this fire still burning in our lives:  
Jesus, that Sun of Justice,  
whom you raised from the dead

and who sheds his light on all humankind,  
your Son who lives  
today and forever!

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Alleluia! laughter and song  
echo the life from within.  
Alleluia

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