

A Portion of the Long form of the Easter Proclamation  
At the beginning of the Easter Vigil  
The Roman Missal (1985)

It is truly right  
That with full hearts and minds and voices  
We should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father,  
And his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood,  
and paid for us the price of Adam's sin  
to our eternal Father!

This is our Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our fathers,  
you freed the people Israel from their slavery  
and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when the pillar of fire  
destroyed the darkness of sin!

This is the night when Christians everywhere,  
washed clean of sin  
and freed from all defilement,  
are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

What good would life have been to us,  
had Christ not come as our Redeemer?

Father, how wonderful your care for us!  
How boundless your merciful love!  
To ransom a slave  
you gave away your Son.

O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam,  
which gained for us so great a Redeemer!

Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God  
to see Christ rising from the dead!

Of this night scripture says:  
"The night will be as clear as the day:  
it will become my light, my joy!"

The power of this holy night  
dispels all evil, washes guilt away,  
restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy;  
it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles  
earthly pride.