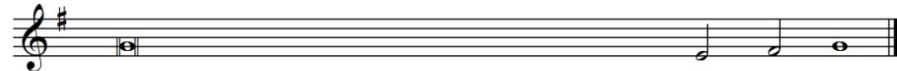


The Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Processional

The Invocation



In the Name of Father and of the + Son and of the Ho - ly Ghost.

And the Congregation responds, chanting:



A - - - - - men.

The Acolyte, holding the Paschal Candle, steps forward.

The Celebrant traces the vertical line of the cross with a stylus, while saying:

V: Christ yesterday and today,

He traces the transept of the cross, saying:

V: The beginning and the end.

He traces the Greek letter Alpha at the top of the cross, saying:

V: The Alpha

He traces the Greek letter Omega at the bottom of the cross, saying:

V: and Omega.

He traces the first number of the year upon the Candle in the upper left corner of the cross, saying:

V: His are the seasons

He traces the second number of the year upon the Candle in the upper right corner of the cross, saying:

V: His the ages;

He traces the third number of the year upon the Candle in the lower left corner of the cross, saying:

V: To Him be glory and dominion,

He traces the last number of the year upon the Candle in the lower right corner of the cross, saying:

V: through ages eternal.

The Celebrant touches the nails, in the following order: Top of the cross, center of the cross, bottom of the cross, left transept of the cross, right transept of the cross, saying:

V: By His wounds, holy (*nail one*)

V: and glorious, (*nail two*)

V: May He protect us (*nail three*)

V: and preserve us (*nail four*)


V: Who is Christ the Lord. Amen. (*nail five*)

Then receiving an unlit candle, he lights it, and then lights the Paschal Candle with this newly lit Candle, saying:

Christ rises resplendent, may His light dispel from heart and mind the evil night!

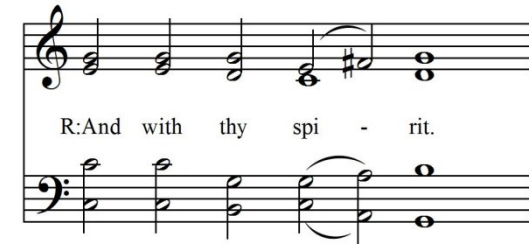
The Salutation

Then the Celebrant chants the Salutation:



The Lord be with you.


The Congregation responds, chanting:



R: And with thy spi - rit.

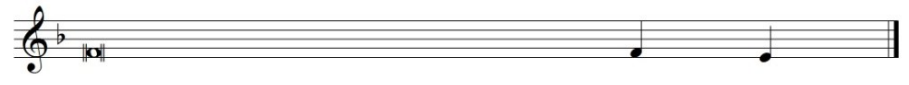
The Procession

*At the entrance to the Nave, the Acolyte stops, raises the Candle up as high as he can comfortably do so, and the Celebrant chants and the congregation responds **three** times:*



V: The Light of Christ. (3x)

The Congregation then responds, chanting:



R: Thanks be to God. (3x)

The Service continues with the Processional Hymn.

The Acolyte places the Paschal Candle in its stand.