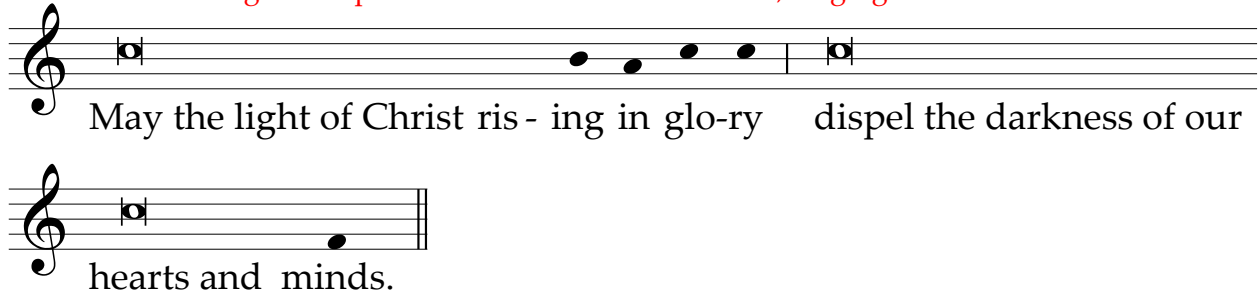


# THE PASCHAL VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

## LUCERNARIUM

### The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

The Priest lights the paschal candle from the new fire, singing




May the light of Christ ris - ing in glo-ry dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

With respect to the preceding elements, Conferences of Bishops may also establish other forms more suited to the culture of the peoples.

### Procession

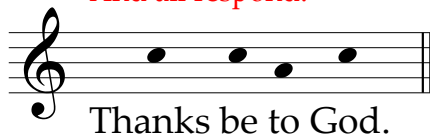
When the candle has been lit, one of the ministers takes burning coals from the fire and places them in the thurible, and the Priest puts incense into it in the usual way. The Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, another suitable minister, receives the paschal candle from the minister and a procession is formed. The thurifer with the smoking thurible precedes the Deacon or other minister who carries the paschal candle. The Priest with the ministers and the people follow, all holding in their hands unlit candles.

At the door of the church the Deacon, standing and raising the candle, sings:



The Light of Christ.

And all respond:




Thanks be to God.

Or:



Lu-men Chris-ti.

And all respond:



De-o grá-ti-as.