

## BLESSING OF EASTER CANDLE

**Dear friends,  
Today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
his triumphant victory over sin and death.  
May this candle shine in our midst to remind us  
of the paschal mystery in which we share  
and which is made present in our midst daily.**

Then the candle is blessed.

**Let us pray.  
God our Father, source of all light,  
bless + this candle and make it holy.  
Through its presence among us  
may the light of Christ, risen in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

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| 1. <b>Christ yesterday and today,</b> | (as he traces the vertical arm of the cross)               |
| 2. <b>the beginning and the end,</b>  | (the horizontal arm)                                       |
| 3. <b>Alpha</b>                       | (alpha, above the cross),                                  |
| 4. <b>and Omega,</b>                  | (omega, below the cross)                                   |
| 5. <b>all time belongs to him</b>     | (the first numeral, in the upper left corner of the cross) |
| 6. <b>and all the ages,</b>           | (the second numeral in the upper right corner)             |
| 7. <b>to him be glory and power,</b>  | (the third numeral in the lower left corner)               |
| 8. <b>through every age for ever.</b> | (the last numeral in the lower right corner)               |



When the cross and other marks have been made, the priest may insert five grains of incense in the candle. He does this in the form of a cross, saying:

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| 1. <b>By his holy</b>         | <b>1</b>     |
| 2. <b>and glorious wounds</b> |              |
| 3. <b>may Christ our Lord</b> | <b>4 2 5</b> |
| 4. <b>guard us</b>            |              |
| 5. <b>and keep us. Amen.</b>  | <b>3</b>     |

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