


Cards to Aid the Prayer Liturgy of Light with Children

The following cards may be helpful when sharing the prayers with children in your family as you celebrate the Liturgy of Light. These have individual prayer parts which you can cut out for the readers. Decide who will do what and practise their parts with your children beforehand.

<p>Proclamation</p> <p>Dear brothers and sisters, on this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invited her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch in vigil and prayer.</p> <p>If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.</p>	<p>Preparation of the Candle</p> <p><i>Prepare the paschal candle using the following instructions. The children can help do this. Take turns with each line.</i></p> <p><i>To prepare, say the following words as you trace or point to the symbols (indicated below) on your candle.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christ yesterday and today (Vertical bar) 2. the Beginning and the End (Horizontal bar) 3. the Alpha (Above cross) 4. and the Omega (Below cross) 5. All time belongs to him (Upper left number) 6. and all the ages (Upper right number) 7. To him be glory and power (Lower left number) 8. through every age and for ever. Amen. (Lower right number) 
<p>Light Paschal Candle</p> <p><i>Light the Paschal Candle then say:</i></p> <p>May the Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.</p>	<p>Procession</p> <p><i>The Paschal Candle is carried in procession to the prayer space. During the procession the candle is lifted three times. Each time the candle bearer sings:</i></p> <p>The Light of Christ</p> <p><i>Each time the people gathered respond</i></p> <p>Thanks be to God</p> <p><i>Place the candle on or near the prayer table.</i></p>



<p>Proclamation of the Scriptures</p> <p>Read this from your Bible</p> <p><i>Have places marked before you begin and select who will do what reading.</i></p> <p><i>Proclaim just the gospel or with older children you might want to include these extra readings.</i></p> <p><i>The gospel alone is best for the younger children.</i></p> <p>First Reading: Psalm 119:105</p> <p>Second Reading: Revelation 22:5</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 28:1-8 or Mark 16:1-7</p>	<p>Exsultet</p> <p>Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!</p> <p>Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.</p> <p>Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.</p>
<p>Passing of the Light</p> <p><i>Light individual candles for each person saying:</i></p> <p>"Jesus Christ has died and is risen! He shares his light with us! [NAME], Receive the Light of Christ"</p> <p><i>Children can hold their candle, or the candle can be placed on the floor in front of the Child or on the prayer table.</i></p>	<p>Closing Prayer</p> <p>Let us pray:</p> <p>May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.</p> <p>Amen.</p>