

Very Modified Easter Vigil At-Home Liturgy for Children

Materials:

A candle with holder (to represent the Paschal Candle)

Smaller candles (one for each person, but not essential)

The text of [the Exsultet](#) or the [YouTube video with music](#)

A Bible (pre-set to Mark 16:1-7)

One dark room or two if you have them

Service of Light

Create a dark room. Light the main candle and proclaim:

“May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.”

Start procession into another dark room (if only one dark room is available, process around it in a circular fashion), the lit candle is carried high. The carrier stops three times and sings or proclaims loudly:

“The light of Christ!”

Response sung by all:

Thanks be to God!

“The light of Christ!”

Thanks be to God!

“The light of Christ!”

Thanks be to God!

Process to the Bible, place main candle on table by Bible. If you have smaller candles for everyone, this is the time to light them.

Exsultet

Proclamation of the Exsultet. See links on the first page.

This can be spoken, sung, or listened to. If spoken or sung, I **highly** recommend shortening it to the first three paragraphs **and** the last three paragraphs.

Gospel

Introduction: we will now hear of the first Easter experience.

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Read Mark 16:1-7

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord

Response:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Adult or older child:

Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

Response:

I do.

Adult or older child:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,

rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Response:

I do.

Adult or older child:

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

Response:

I do.

Adult or older child:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Response:

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Let us pray:

**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. Amen.**

