Resurrection Prayer for Lighting of the Candle

Optional Opening Gospel Reading

Gospel MT 28:1-10

A Reading for the Gospel of St. Matthew n **Glory to You O Lord**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

The Word of the Lord. n **Thanks be to God**

Prayer While Lighting the Candle

May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. n **AMEN**

The Last Gospel: John 1

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. **AMEN**