

The Paschal Candle

“Paschal” means: relating to Easter or Passover. Christ is sometimes called the “Paschal lamb” because of His sacrifice for our sins.

- The Paschal Candle is a symbol of Christ as the Light of the World
- The candle is blessed and first lit at the Easter Vigil
- The candle is made from 100% beeswax, representing the purity of Christ
- The candle burns throughout all services during Eastertide

Symbols found on the Paschal candle:

- A cross to represent Christ
- The year to represent that He is with us always, even in the present year
- 5 wax candles to represent the 5 wounds of Christ on the cross
- Greek letters for A and Z, Alpha and Omega, because Christ is the beginning and the end

Other symbols that can be found on a Paschal candle:

- Lamb
- Chalice and host
- Grapes and wheat
- Water
- Flames
- Cross
- Sacred Heart

Find an empty paper towel or toilet paper roll and make your own! You can also cut a strip of white paper and make a “candle” bookmark.

He is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!