

At this celebration we welcome once more the children who are preparing for the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation with their parents. To help them as they journey in faith towards this sacrament, we will light a candle from the Easter candle as reminder of the promises made at baptism.

Parents are invited to stand behind their child as they gather around the altar.

Presider: I now address you parents of these children, first and best teachers in the ways of faith.

At your child's baptism the light of Christ was entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.

Are you still

resolved to keep the flame of faith alive in the heart of your child?

Parent: I am with the help of God

Presider: The Church rejoices in this great desire and as a sign of your promise to your child

I invite you

now to light your candle from the Easter candle, then pass this lighted candle onto your child.

Parents pass the lighted candle to their child

Presider: Dear children, when you were baptised your parents received a lighted candle in your name and promised to keep the flame of faith burning brightly for you. Now you are being asked if you are ready to walk in the light of Christ and follow him. Let's listen to the encouraging words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.'

Presider: And so I ask you are you ready to walk as a child of the light and follow in the footsteps of Christ?

Children: I am with the help of God

Presider:

The Church rejoices that you are eager to follow the Lord and to walk in his light. Let us pray for these children and their parents as they continue their journey that the Lord will strengthen with the light of faith.

PRESIDER: Dear children, do you now wish to continue to prepare for the celebration of the great sacrament of reconciliation?

CHILDREN: We do

PRESIDER: Thanks be to God.

Jesus you are the light of the world, come into our lives with your illuminating light and help us to always walk in the light of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.