

**TABLE LITURGY
FOR THE FEAST OF EASTER SUNDAY ***

The family stands in prayerful silence around their table upon which there are two unlighted candles. After a few moments, the father of the family begins.

FATHER: Blessed are You, Lord our God,
who raised up Jesus from the tomb
and has gathered all of us around this table.

MOTHER: As the light of God
overcame the darkness of death,
may these candles we now light
be for us a sign of the flame of life
that burns within our hearts.

candles are lighted

As these Easter candles
call us to the feast of this our table,
may the light of Christ,
call us to Your eternal Easter feast.
May these candles delight our eyes
and add splendor to our meal.

FATHER: With great joy,
we come to our Easter dinner
as we continue our celebration
of the ever-newness of the resurrection
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
We rejoice in the resurrection of spring,
as birds, flowers and fields come alive
after the long sleep of winter.
May we, in this Easter Sunday meal,
share with them the great joy of life.
Let us pause and, in silence,
lift up our hearts to God
in gratitude for this holy Easter meal.

pause for silent prayer

*(As our Risen Lord came as a guest
and ate with His disciples,
may we be grateful for the presence at our table
of our guests, _____,
who bring to our table the holy presence of God
and add to our celebration of this great and joyful feast.

May God bless them,
for together with the food of this feast,
they give us reason for joy.)

MOTHER: May the taste of goodness in this food
be a promise of the eternal Easter meal
we shall all share together with our Risen Lord.
May this Easter dinner be a sacrament
of springtime, peace and eternal happiness.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
May God's blessing rest upon this table
and each of us. Amen.

ALL TOAST: Happy Easter *or* A Blessed Easter!



**Include bracketed section if there are guests present.*