

BLESSING OF A HOME ON THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



INTRODUCTION

An individual, couple, or family goes to the doorway.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Let us praise God, Who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made His dwelling place among us. It is Christ Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. It is Christ, risen from the dead, Who is our source of hope, joy, and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

GOSPEL READING (John 1:1-5, 14)

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to John: 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 came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be. What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the Light of the human race; the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the Light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Mark the inside of the front door: 20 + C + M + B + 25

20+YEAR = year of the blessing, + = The Cross, C = Caspar, M = Melchior, B = Balthasar. The letters can also stand for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this house." These chalk symbols are reminders that we have asked for a blessing upon our homes and all who come in and out of those doors.

CONCLUDING RITE

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

All: Amen.