

EPIPHANY BLESSINGS of HOMES



20 + C+M+B + 19

BLESSING of the CHALK

In Church the chalk is presented to the priest in a basket and he/she blesses it as follows;

Our help is in the name of The Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Bless + O Lord God,
this creature chalk to render it helpful to our purpose.
Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe
upon the entrance of their homes the initials of your
saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through
their merits and prayers enjoy health of body and
protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

It is sprinkled with holy water.

BLESSING of HOMES

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace be to this house.

And to all who dwell within.

From the east there came wise men to Bethlehem, to
worship the Lord; **and when they had opened their
treasures, the presented unto him precious gifts:
gold as to a mighty King, incense as to the true
God, and myrrh to foreshadow his burial, alleluia.**

**+ MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

**For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand maiden.**

**For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.**

**And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.**

**He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.**

**He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy:
hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
: world without end. Amen.**

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to worship the Lord; and when they had opened
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gifts: gold as to a mighty King, incense as to the
true God, and myrrh to foreshadow his burial,
alleluia.**

Our Father, **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

All they from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and incense.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my prayer come to you.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 dwell herein. Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our love for one another and for all may reflect
your love. We as this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

*(Now is a good time to take the blessed chalk and mark
20+C+M+B+19...indicating the current year and the initials of the
Wisemen, Caspar, Melchoir and Balthazar. "CMB" is also seen as
asking our Lord's blessing...."Christus Mansionem Benidicat"... "Christ
bless this house")*

Lord our God, bless this household. May we be
blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and
peace. We thank you and praise you, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless + us, protect us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

+ May the souls of the departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace,

And rise in glory.

The Peace may now be exchanged.

