

Epiphany Blessing of the Home
Adapted from the Roman Ritual so the head of House may use it.

Head of House: Peace be unto this home.

All: And unto all that dwell herein.

Head: Antiphon - From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem adore the Lord; and opening their treasures, they offered costly gifts: gold to the great King, incense to the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.

Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Luke 1, 46-55

During the Canticle or after if it is more convenient, the head of the house sprinkles the House, using Epiphany water.

All:

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaid; lo, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things for me, and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generation to them that fear Him.

He hath shown strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

The hungry He hath filled with good things; the rich He hath sent away empty.

He hath helped Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy.

As He hath promised our fathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

All repeat the Antiphon: From the East...

Head: Our Father... **(All join in)**

Head: Many shall come from Saba.

All: Bearing gold and incense.

Head: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come unto thee.

Head: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Head:

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who by the guidance of a star didst this day reveal thy Sole-Begotten Son to the Gentiles, grant that we who now know thee by faith may be brought to the contemplation of thy heavenly majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Head: Responsory - Be enlightened and shine forth, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and upon thee is risen the glory of the Lord, Jesus Christ born of Mary Virgin.

Head: Nations shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brilliance of thy origin.

All: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Head:

Let us pray.

BLESS, O Lord, almighty God this home that it be the shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness mildness, obedience to the commandments, and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May blessing remain for all time upon this dwelling and them that live herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Then Write over the main door of the house:

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The 2023 represents the year. The "+" represents the Cross. The CMB represent two things. The first is the initials of the three kings/magi (Casper, Malchior and Balthazar). The second is the Latin phrase Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ bless the house.)