The Epiphany Blessing of a Home

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

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who enter it in this jubilee year of God's favor and grace.

Leader: The Wise Ones came from the East to worship the Lord Jesus.

All: And falling at his feet and beholding the radiance of his glory, the glory he had with the Father before the world began, they gave him precious gifts of mystic meaning.

Leader: They presented him with gold because he is the world’s only true King, the one merciful Lord worthy of our gifts, our service and our vows. They blessed him with incense that sweet-smelling smoke might evermore rise up from our altars to the Throne of his majesty, worshipping and blessing and magnifying him, the one, true God! They offered him myrrh because it would soon anoint his immaculate body, preparing it for his burial.

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

All: Our Father who art in heaven...

Leader: Gracious God, you revealed your Son to the nations by the brilliant Star of Bethlehem. O Uncreated Light, Morning-Star of Epiphany and the world’s New Dawn, lead us, warm our hearts, fortify our wills, enkindle our devotion to you, enlighten and illumine our inward vision. Lead us, guide us all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are received into your glory. We implore your great mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chalking of the Door and Blessing Over the Water

With chalk, the leader makes this inscription on the door: 20+C+M+B+24. 2024 is the new year. The letters stand for christus mansionem benedicat ("Christ bless this home") and the traditionally given names of the Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The numbers are for the year of our Lord.

Leader: Eternal God, bless this home. Sanctify this water to be a sign of our baptism, a token of our consecration to Christ’s service. May this water be made holy on this Day by the baptism of Christ and drive far from this house and all who enter it all snares and assaults of the enemy. Wherever this water is sprinkled may safety be guarded and hospitality be made manifest. Grant that faith, charity, and good health triumph over evil in this house. May your Word always be cherished and obeyed here. We give praise and thanksgiving to you, and to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The leader blesses all who are present with the Epiphany water. Exchange the sign of peace. All move through the other rooms of the house, sprinkling the rooms, blessing God, and singing.

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