

BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY WATER

The celebrant, vested in white cope, comes before the altar, preceded by acolytes bearing the processional cross and lighted candles. A vessel of water and a container of salt are prepared.

The Litany of the Saints is sung, during which time all kneel.

Kýrie eléison. Christe eléison. Kýrie eléison.

O Christ, hear us. **℟** O Christ, graciously hear us.

O God the Father of heaven, **℟** have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **℟** have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, **℟** have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, One God, **℟** have mercy upon us.

Holy Mary,

pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

pray for us.

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

pray for us.

Holy Michael,

pray for us.

Holy Gabriel,

pray for us.

Holy Raphael,

pray for us.

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

pray for us.

All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,

pray for us.

Holy John Baptist,

pray for us.

Holy Joseph,

pray for us.

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

pray for us.

Holy Peter,

pray for us.

Holy Paul,

pray for us.

Holy Andrew,

pray for us.

Holy James,

pray for us.

Holy John,

pray for us.

Holy Thomas,

pray for us.

Holy James,

pray for us.

Holy Philip,

pray for us.

Holy Bartholomew,

pray for us.

Holy Matthew,

pray for us.

Holy Simon,

pray for us.

Holy Jude,

pray for us.

Holy Matthias,

pray for us.

Holy Barnabas,

pray for us.

Holy Luke,

pray for us.

Holy Mark,

pray for us.

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,

pray for us.

All ye holy Disciples of the Lord,

pray for us.

All ye holy Innocents,

pray for us.

Holy Stephen,

pray for us.

Holy Lawrence,

pray for us.

Holy Vincent,

pray for us.

Holy Fabian and Sebastian,	pray for us.
Holy John and Paul,	pray for us.
Holy Cosmas and Damian,	pray for us.
Holy Gervase and Protase,	pray for us.
All ye holy Martyrs,	pray for us.
Holy Sylvester,	pray for us.
Holy Gregory,	pray for us.
Holy Ambrose,	pray for us.
Holy Augustine,	pray for us.
Holy Jerome,	pray for us.
Holy Martin,	pray for us.
Holy Nicholas,	pray for us.
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,	pray for us.
All ye holy Doctors,	pray for us.
Holy Antony,	pray for us.
Holy Benedict,	pray for us.
Holy Bernard,	pray for us.
Holy Dominic,	pray for us.
Holy Francis,	pray for us.
All ye holy Priests and Levites,	pray for us.
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,	pray for us.
Holy Mary Magdalen,	pray for us.
Holy Agatha,	pray for us.
Holy Lucy,	pray for us.
Holy Agnes,	pray for us.
Holy Cecilia,	pray for us.
Holy Catherine,	pray for us.
Holy Anastasia,	pray for us.
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,	pray for us.
All ye holy men and women Saints of God,	intercede for us.
Be thou merciful,	spare us O Lord.
Be thou merciful,	graciously hear us O Lord.
From all evil,	deliver us O Lord.
From all sin,	deliver us O Lord.
From thy wrath,	deliver us O Lord.
From sudden and unprepared death,	deliver us O Lord.
From the crafts of the devil,	deliver us O Lord.
From anger, hatred, and all uncharitableness,	deliver us O Lord.
From the spirit of uncleanness,	deliver us O Lord.
From lightning and tempest,	deliver us O Lord.
From the scourge of earthquake,	deliver us O Lord.
From pestilence, war, and famine,	deliver us O Lord.
From everlasting death,	deliver us O Lord.
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation,	deliver us O Lord.
By thine Advent,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy Nativity,	deliver us O Lord.

By thy Baptism and holy Fasting,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy Cross and Passion,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy Death and Burial,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy holy Resurrection,	deliver us O Lord.
By thy wonderful Ascension,	deliver us O Lord.
By the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,	deliver us O Lord.
In the Day of Judgement,	deliver us O Lord.

We sinners,	beseech thee, hear us.
That thou wouldest spare us,	we beseech thee, hear us.
That thou wouldest pardon us,	we beseech thee, hear us.

That it may please thee to bring us true repentance, **R** We beseech &c.

That it may please thee to govern and preserve thy holy Church, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to preserve our apostolic lord and all orders of the Church in holy religion, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to humble the enemies of holy Church, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to give to Christian Kings and rulers true peace and concord, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to grant to all Christian people peace and unity, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to recall to the unity of the Church, all such as do err, and to bring all heathen to the light of the Gospel, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to strengthen and preserve us in thy holy service, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to lift up our minds to heavenly desires, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to reward all our benefactors with everlasting blessings, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to deliver our souls and the souls of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors from eternal damnation, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to give and preserve the fruits of the earth, **R** We beseech.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed rest eternal, **R** We beseech.

Here, the celebrant rises and sings the following two invocations:

That thou wouldst bless ✠ this water, **R** We beseech thee hear us.

That thou wouldst bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this water. **R** We beseech thee hear us.

The cantors continue the litany:

That it may please thee graciously to hear us, **R** We beseech thee hear us.

Son of God, **R** We beseech thee hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **R** Spare us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **R** Graciously hear us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **R** Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us. ☩ O Christ, graciously hear us.

Kýrie eléison. Christe eléison. Kýrie eléison.

Our Father, **continued secretly until:** ∇ And lead us not into temptation. ☩ But deliver us from evil.

Psalm 29

BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, † bring young rams unto the Lord, * ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name; * worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters; * it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; † the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; * the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees; * yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf; * Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; † the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; * yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes: * in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, * and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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.

Psalm 46

GOD is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

Though the waters thereof rage and swell, * and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God; * the holy place of the tabernacle of the most High.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; * God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; * but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, * what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world; * he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God: * I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory be. As it was.

Psalm 147, i

OPRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; * yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, * and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart, * and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars, * and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power; * yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek, * and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; * sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; * and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, * and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse; * neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him, * and put their trust in his mercy.

Glory be. As it was.

Exorcism

WE cast thee out, every unclean spirit, every devilish power, every assault of the infernal adversary, every legion, every diabolical group and sect, by the Name and power of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, and command thee to fly far from the Church of God and from all who are made to the image of God and redeemed by the Precious Blood of the Divine Lamb ✠. Presume never again, thou cunning serpent, to deceive the human race, to persecute the Church of God, nor to strike the chosen of God and sift them as wheat ✠. For the Most High commands thee, ✠ He to

Whom thou didst hitherto in thy great pride presume thyself equal; He Who desireth that all men might be saved, and come to the knowledge of truth. God the Father ✠ commandeth thee! God the Son ✠ commandeth thee! God the Holy ✠ Ghost commandeth thee! The majesty of Christ commands thee, the Eternal Word of God made flesh, ✠ Who for the salvation of our race, lost through thy envy, humbled Himself and was made obedient even unto death; Who built His Church upon a solid rock, and proclaimed that the gates of hell should never prevail against her, and that He would remain with her all days, even to the end of the world! The Sacred Mystery of the Cross ✠ commands thee, as well as the power of all Mysteries of Christian faith! ✠ The most excellent Virgin Mary, Mother of God ✠ commands thee, who in her lowliness crushed thy proud head from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception! The faith of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul and the other apostles ✠ commands thee! The blood of the martyrs commands thee, as well as the pious intercession ✠ of holy men and women!

Therefore, accursed dragon and every diabolical legion, we adjure thee by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God, by the God Who so loved the world that He gave His Sole-Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but shall have life everlasting—cease thy deception of men and thy giving them to drink of the poison of eternal damnation; desist from harming the Church and fettering her freedom! Get thee gone, Satan, founder and master of all falsity, enemy of mankind! Give place to Christ in Whom thou didst find none of thy works; give place to the one, holy, catholic, and

apostolic Church which Christ Himself bought with His Blood! Be thou brought low under God's mighty hand; tremble and flee as we call upon the holy and awesome name of Jesus, before Whom hell trembles, and to Whom the Virtues, Powers, and Dominations are subject; Whom the Cherubim and Seraphim praise with unfailing voices, saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, the Lord God of Hosts!

The cantors sing the following Antiphon and Canticale:

Ant. Today * the Church is espoused to the heavenly Bridegroom, for in Jordan Christ washes her sins: the Magi hasten with gifts to the regal nuptials, and the guests are gladdened with water become wine, alleluia.

Canticale of Zachary

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; * for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, * in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, * which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, * and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, * and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, * that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies * might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, * all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: * for thou

shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; * whereby the Day-Spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be. As it was.

Ant. Today the Church is espoused to the heavenly Bridegroom, for in Jordan Christ washes her sins: the Magi hasten with gifts to the regal nuptials, and the guests are gladdened with water become wine, alleluia.

∴ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who on this day didst by the leading of a star manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, which know thee now by faith, may finally attain unto the contemplation of the beauty of thy majesty. Through the same. ☩ Amen..

∴ Our help ✠ is in the name of the Lord. ☩ Who hath made heaven and earth.

Exorcism of Salt

IADJURE thee, O creature of salt, by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God: by God who commanded thee to be cast by the prophet Eliseus into the water to heal the barrenness thereof: that thou become salt exorcized for the health of them that believe: be thou to all them that take of thee for healing of soul and body: let all vain imaginations, wickedness, and subtlety of the wiles of the devil, and every unclean spirit flee and depart from

the place where thou shalt be sprinkled, adjured by him who shall come to judge the quick and the dead and the world by fire. **℞** Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thine infinite mercy: that thou wouldest vouchsafe of thy loving kindness to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify this creature of salt, which thou hast given for the use of mankind: that it may avail unto all that take of it for health of body and soul; and let all such things as shall be touched or sprinkled therewith be free from all uncleanness, and from all assaults of spiritual wickedness. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **℞** Amen.

Exorcism of Water

IADJURE thee, O creature of water, in the name of God ✠ the Father almighty, in the name of Jesus ✠ Christ his Son, our Lord, and by the power of the Holy ✠ Ghost: that thou become water exorcised for the putting to flight of all the power of the enemy, and that thou be enabled to root out and expel the enemy himself with his apostate angels, by the power of the same Jesus Christ our Lord: who shall come to judge the quick and the dead and the world by fire. **℞** Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for the salvation of mankind, hast ordained in thy chiefest sacraments the use of the substance of water, mercifully assist us who call upon thee, and pour the power of thy benediction ✠ upon this element, made ready by divers cleansings: that this thy creature, in the service of thy mysteries, may effectually receive thy

divine grace for the casting forth of devils and healing of diseases; that whatsoever in the dwellings or abodes of thy faithful people shall be sprinkled with this water may be free from all uncleanness and delivered from all evil: let not the spirit of pestilence abide therein, nor the breath of corruption; let all the snares of the unseen enemy depart from thence: and let all such things as are contrary to the health and peace of them that dwell therein be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water; that, as through the invocation of thy holy name we entreat for them thy saving health, so they may be defended against all assaults. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **℞** Amen.

He thrice casts the salt into the water in the form of a cross, saying:

LET this commingling of salt and water be wrought in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost. **℞** Amen.

∴ The Lord be with you. **℞** And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the author of strength invincible, the king of the empire that none may overcome, who art ever glorious in thy triumphs: who dost quell the might of the dominion that is against thee, who rulest the raging of the fierce enemy, who dost overthrow by thy power the wickedness of thy foes: we entreat thee, O Lord, and beseech thee in fear and lowliness: that thou wouldest graciously behold this creature of salt and water, and mercifully enlighten and sanctify it with the dew of thy loving-kindness; that,

wheresoever it shall be sprinkled, all the snares of the unclean spirit may through the invocation of thy holy name may be driven away, and the dread of the poisonous serpent be cast forth: and in all places let the presence of the Holy Ghost be vouchsafed unto us who call upon thy mercy. Through. **℞** Amen.

Then the celebrant sprinkles the people with the blessed water.

The sprinkling being finished, then is sung:

Canticle of Ss. Ambrose & Augustine

WE praise thee, O God, * we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, * the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, * the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim * continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy, * Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full * of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles * praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets * praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs * praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world * doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, * of an infinite Majesty.

Thine honourable, true, * and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, * the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, * O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting * Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, * thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, * thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, * in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come * to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, * whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious Blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, * in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, * and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, * and lift them up for ever.

Day by day * we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name * ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us * this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, * have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, * as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted, * let me never be confounded.

℣ The Lord be with you. **℞** And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose mercy is without limits and whose goodness is a boundless treasury: we thank thy loving sublimity for bountiful favours, and perseveringly appeal to thy clemency; desert us not thou who hearest thy suppliants, but speed us to final victory. Through Christ our Lord. **℞** Amen.

