

# HOUSE BLESSING ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



Those present gather at the entrance of the house or another suitable place.

## Song – We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

### Refrain:

O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign

### Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Prayer and praising, all men raising  
Worship Him, God most high

### Refrain

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

### Refrain

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Earth to heav'n replies

### Refrain

## Introduction

All make the Sign of the Cross.

**Leader:** ✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Leader:** Peace be to this house.

**All:** **And to all who dwell herein.**

## Gospel: John 1:1-5

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reader: 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 were made through him,  
and without him was not anything made that was made.  
In him was life, and the life was the light of men.  
The light shines in the darkness.  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Blessing of the House

The leader or another present then inscribes with chalk  
above the entrance of the home "20 + C + M + B + 21".

Additional doors throughout the home  
may be inscribed if desired.

## Lord's Prayer

Leader: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

All: **Our Father...**

## Closing Prayer

Leader: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,  
and may the word of Christ in all its richness dwell in us,  
so that whatever we do in word and in work,  
we do in the name of the Lord.

All: **Amen.**