



Blessing for a Home

The Season after Epiphany

In early January, we celebrate Epiphany and bless our homes. To bless our home is to celebrate God calling us in the broadest sense. In our every day lives, we steward the gifts that come from God: we do chores, we have hobbies, we cook and eat, we relax and find sabbath rest...there are so many ways we live out our faith!

You are encouraged to use the chalk provided to add a visual blessing at the door of your home: 20 + C M B + 25 (images from past years are on the reverse side). The numbers change with each new year. The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedicat*, which means “Christ, bless this home,” or for the legendary names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

Anyone may lead this order. Begin by gathering at the entrance to your home.

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spreads forth the heavens like a tent, who shelters our lives, who comes to make a home with us.

Amen.

Peace to this home and to all who enter here.

READING

As we prepare to ask for God’s blessing, let us listen to the words of scripture.

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

Proverbs 24:3-4

INSCRIPTION

This is the inscription in chalk to be made:

20 + C M B + 25

Write the appropriate character (left) while speaking the text (right).

The magi of old, known as

C Caspar,

M Melchior, and

B Balthazar

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand

25 twenty five years ago.

+ Christ, bless this house,

+ and remain with us through the new year.

PRAYER

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining of a star.

We pray that you bless this home and those who live here with your gracious presence.

May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light,

and your peace our prayer; through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

When you're done, take a picture, post it and tag Calvary, or send it to the office!

Here are some past years from the Calvary community:

