

Blessing of a Home at Easter

Introductory Rites

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

All: AMEN

Leader:

It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Reading from the Word of God

Luke 24: 28-32

As the disciples approached the village to which they were going, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on further. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognised him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

Prayers of Intercession

The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

ALL: Stay with us, Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Stay with us, Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain shelter.

ALL: Stay with us, Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, the disciples recognised you in the breaking of the bread: grant that the members of this family may be open always to your presence in word and sacrament.

ALL: Stay with us, Lord

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As children of God we confidently pray: **Our Father...**

Prayer of Blessing

Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death:
by rising from the tomb to new life
he gives us new hope and promise.

Bless all the members of this family (or household)
and surround them with your protection,
that they may find comfort and peace
in Jesus Christ, the paschal lamb,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen

The house is now sprinkled with Easter water

Concluding Rite

May Christ dwell with us, keep us from all harm,
and make us one in mind and heart, now and for ever. **Amen**

