

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee – Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: **And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendour of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.**

Leader: Let us pray.
Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfilment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed. The initials of the Magi, together with the year of the blessing, are inscribed upon the door frames with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “Christ bless this house”.

Example: 20 + C + M + B + 21

Blessing of the Home on Epiphany 2021

This blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be performed either by a priest or by the father (or head) of the family. The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th Day after Christmas, 6th January. In some countries, this feast has been moved to the Sunday between 2nd January and 8th January.

On entering the home,

Leader: *(Priest, if present, or father (or head) of the family):*
Peace be to this house.

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

The Magnificat:

Antiphon (all): From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold, for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Antiphon (all): From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold, for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father ...

... and lead us not into temptation.

All: **But deliver us from evil.**

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: **Bringing gold and frankincense.**

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: **And let my cry come to You.**

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**