

## Epiphany House Blessing

Peace be to this house. **And to all who enter here.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come. **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

Nations shall come to your light. **And kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

The kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Sheba offer gifts. **They shall bring gold and frankincense and proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

A reading from Matthew.

"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.... When the wise men had set out toward Bethlehem; there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

**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 the burial.**

### **Prayer**

O Lord, hear my prayer. **And let my cry come before you.**

Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Let us pray. Lord our God, bless this home and he who lives here. May he be filled with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, obedience to Your law, and thanksgiving to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. May this blessing remain upon this house and upon all who enter here, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Chalking of the Door 20 + C + M + B + 25**

The three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son Who became man two thousand and twenty five years ago.

*Christus mansionem benedicat.* Christ bless this house and watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**