



BLESSING OF HOMES AT EASTER

In some communities, it is customary for homes to be blessed during the Easter season. All who live in the house should be present.

All make the sign of the cross.

LEADER:

God fills our hearts and homes with peace.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

ALL: Now and forever.

The leader may use these words to introduce the blessing:

LEADER: Christ, risen from the dead, is our hope, joy, and comfort.
May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Then the Scripture is read

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

As the two disciples and Jesus approached the village of Emmaus, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther. 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 the 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?" *Luke 24:28-32*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

This prayer may be said at the front door:

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship.
God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

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