



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

Wednesday,  
January 6, 2020

**Home Blessing on Epiphany**

**At Home Worship Materials**



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St. George's Church:  
Regardless of race,  
nationality,  
sexual orientation,  
gender expression,  
or tradition.

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# Epiphany

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adapted from  
*Book of Occasional Services.*

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*It has been tradition for many centuries to bless the home at Epiphany, to celebrate a new year, and to ask God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit in the coming year. It celebrates the deliverance of the Israelites at Passover, and the visit of the wise men at the Epiphany. In this season of pandemic when so many of us are experiencing our homes in new, beautiful and sometimes challenging ways, may this sacred pause give us an opportunity to remember God's presence with us and to ask for God's blessing.*

*We invite you to use this blessed chalk and the liturgy below to write the year and words of blessing on the lintel over the entryway to your home. The traditional form is 20 + C + M + B + 20 (the year with the blessing inside). The letters stand for Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, the traditional names of the wise men, and also represent the words of blessing: Christus mansionem benedicat, "Christ bless this house."*

*Feel free to be creative! Your blessing can take whatever form is most meaningful to your household.*

*Take some time to reflect: What other hopes do you wish to speak over your home? What are you praying for in this new year?*

### **A Home Blessing Liturgy for Epiphany**

Peace be to this house, and all who dwell within. **Amen!**  
God shall watch over our going out and our coming in.  
From this time forth for ever more.

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray,

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the nations and the Glory of your people, bless all who dwell in this house. May it be for us a place of peace and health, that we may rejoice in the gifts and graces you have shared with us, and dedicate our talents for the good of those for whom Christ came and gave his life, and who lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

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*Fr. David Casey has recorded a sermon for Epiphany and there is also a children's video that is available here: <http://bit.ly/STGEpiphany2021>.*

*Other prayers and hopes for the year ahead may be offered now. What hopes do you bring?*

*Members of the household may now mark the doorway with symbols in chalk.*

One: May God our loving Parent, who by Baptism adopts us as God's own children, grant us grace.

May God the Son, who was raised in a home in Nazareth and spent time with his friends in their homes, fill us with love.

May God the Holy Spirit, who has made the Church one family, keep us in peace. **Amen!**

*As a visual meditation you can watch parishioner Shannon Lee's sidewalk art by the steps of St. George's on our YouTube or Facebook page, linked above.*

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