Blessing in Homes at Epiphany

*In the homes of parishioners on the Feast of the Epiphany or during the week following, this blessing may be used.*

*Begin with the following or some other greeting.*

Peace be to this house, and to all who dwell in it.

*The Magnificat is then sung of said with one of the following antiphons:*

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

*Or this*

I saw water proceeding out of the temple; from the right side it flowed, alleluia; and all those to whom that water came shall be saved, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

*The antiphon is then repeated.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says one of the following Collects:*

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only

begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know

thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy

glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,

who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then says this prayer*

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless *all* who *live* here with the gift of your love; and grant that *they* may manifest your love [to each other and] to all whose lives *they* *touch*. May *they* grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen *them*; and preserve *them* in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. *Amen*