

# The Blessing of Holy Water

## EXORCISM AND BLESSING OF THE SALT

*Salt (exorcised if available) and pure and clean water is made ready wherever the holy water is to be blessed. The Priest (or Bishop) is vested in a cassock, cotta/short rochet and Purple Stole.*

✠ Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
✠ Who hath made Heaven and Earth.

*If previously exorcised salt is unavailable, he immediately begins the exorcism of the salt as follows:*

**O**SALT, creature of God, I exorcise thee by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God, by the God who ordered thee to be poured into the water by Elijah the Prophet so that its life-giving powers might be restored. I exorcise thee so that thou mayest become a means of salvation for believers, that thou mayest bring health of soul and body to all who make use of thee, and that thou mayest put to flight and drive away from the places where thou art sprinkled, every apparition, villainy, and turn of devilish deceit, and every unclean spirit, adjured by Him who shall come to judge the quick and the dead and the world by fire. *Amen.*

*Let us pray*

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, we humbly implore thee, in thy immeasurable kindness and love, to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this salt which thou didst create and give over to the use of mankind, so that it may become a source of health for the minds and bodies of all who make use of it, and may rid whatever it touches or sprinkles of all uncleanness and protect it from every assault of evil spirits, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## EXORCISM AND BLESSING OF THE WATER

**O**WATER, creature of God, I exorcise thee in the Name of God the Father ✠ Almighty, and in the Name of Jesus ✠ Christ, his Son, our Lord, and in the power of the Holy ✠ Ghost. I exorcise thee so that thou mayest put to flight all the power of the enemy, and to be able to root out and supplant that enemy with his apostate angels, through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come again to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by Fire. *Amen*

*Let us pray*

**O**GOD, who for the salvation of mankind hast built thy greatest mysteries on this substance, water: in thy kindness hear our prayers and pour down the power of thy blessing ✠ into this element, made ready for many kinds of purifications. May this thy creature become an agent of divine grace in the service of thy mysteries, to drive away evil spirits and dispel sickness, so that everything in the homes and other buildings of the faith that is sprinkled with this water may be rid of all uncleanness and freed from every harm. Let no breath of infection, no disease-bearing air remain in those places. May the wiles of the lurking enemy prove of no avail. Let whatever might menace the safety and peace of those who live here be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water, so that the healthfulness, obtained by calling upon thy holy Name, may be made secure against all attack, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*The Priest (or Bishop) now mixes the exorcised salt into the water in the form of a Cross, saying:*

**M**AY this mixture of salt and water now be made in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

✠ The Lord be with you.  
✠ And with thy spirit.

*Let us pray*

**O**GOD, Creator unconquerable, invincible King, Victor ever-glorious: who didst hold in check the forces bent on dominating us; who didst overcome the cruelty of the raging enemy; who didst in thy power beat down Satan under thy feet; humbly and fearfully do we pray to thee, O Lord, and we ask thee to look with favor on this salt and water which thou hast created. Shine on it with the light of thy kindness. Sanctify it by the dew of thy love: so that through the invocation of thy holy Name, wherever this water and salt is sprinkled it may turn aside every attack of the unclean spirit and dispel the terror of the poisonous serpent. And wherever we may be, make the Holy Ghost present to us who now implore thy mercy. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*The water may be blessed in a container designed for pouring water into Holy Water bottles, for use on Sundays for the Asperges or Vidi Aquam, and apart from the Church for such purposes as House Blessings, Exorcisms, and Cleansings of people and places.*

