

The Blessing of Water

Salt, and clean water, being made ready in the Church or Sacristy, the Priest, vested in surplice and violet stole, shall say,

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

And immediately he shall begin the Exorcism of the salt.

I charge you, O creature of salt, by the living a God, by the true a God, by the holy a God, by God who commanded you to be cast, by the prophet Elisha, into the water to heal the its barrenness, that you become salt exorcized for the health of believers: and that you bring to all who take you soundness of soul and body, and let all vain imaginations, wickedness, and subtlety of the wiles of the devil, and every unclean spirit fly and depart from every place where you shall be sprinkled, charged by the Name of Him, who shall come to judge both the living and the dead, and the world by fire. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we ask your great and boundless mercy, to please you of your loving-kindness to a bless and to a hallow this creature of salt, which you have given for our use, let it be to all those who take of it health of mind and body, and let whatever shall be touched or sprinkled by it be free from all uncleanness, and from all assaults of spiritual wickedness. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Exorcism of the Water

I charge you, O creature of water, by the Name of God the Father a Almighty, by the Name of Jesus a Christ his Son our Lord, and by the power of the Holy a Spirit, that you become water exorcized for putting to flight all the power of the enemy; and that you cast out and send away that same enemy with all his apostate angels: by the power of the same Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O God, who for the salvation of mankind ordained that the substance of water should be used in one of your chief Sacraments: look favorably upon us who call upon you, and pour the power of your a blessing upon this element, made ready by careful cleansing; that this creature, so prepared for your mysteries, may receive your divine grace, and so cast out devils, and put sickness to flight, that whatever in the dwellings of your faithful people shall be sprinkled with this water, may be free from all uncleanness, and delivered from all manner of hurt; let no spirit of pestilence abide there, nor any corrupting air; let all the wiles of the hidden enemy depart, and if there be any snares laid against the safety or peace of those dwelling in the house, let them fly before the sprinkling of this water: so

that the health which they seek by calling upon your holy Name may be protected against all that threatens it. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Priest shall sprinkle the salt into the water in the form of a Cross, saying,

Let this salt and water be mingled together: in the Name of the Father, and of the a Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Let us Pray.

O God, the Author of unconquered might, the King of the Empire that cannot be overthrown, the ever glorious Conqueror: you keep under the strength of your dominion all that is against you; you rule the raging of the fierce enemy; you mightily fight against the wickedness of your foes; with fear and trembling we entreat you O Lord, and we pray you graciously to behold this creature of salt and water, mercifully shine upon it, hallow it with the dew of your loving-kindness: that wherever it shall be sprinkled, with the invocation of your holy Name, all haunting of the unclean spirit may be driven away; cast far away the fear of the venomous serpent; and wherever it is sprinkled, let the presence of the Holy Spirit be given to all who shall ask for your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If water is to be blessed by the celebrant immediately before the principal Mass on Sunday, he will be wearing Mass vestments, without the chasuble.