



# United Episcopal Catholic Communion

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## ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF GREGORIAN HOLY WATER



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Order for the Blessing/Consecration  
of Gregorian Holy Water

*Priest*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*People*

**Who made heaven and earth.**

*Priest*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And with thy spirit**

@ Exorcism of Salt

*Priest*

O salt, creature of God, I exorcise you by the ++ living God, by the ++ true God, by the ++ holy God, by the God who ordered you to be poured into the water by Eliseus the Prophet so that its life-giving powers might be restored. I exorcise you so that you may become a means of salvation for believers, that you may bring health of soul and body to all who make use of you, and that you may put to flight and drive away from the places where you are sprinkled every apparition, villainy, and turn of devilish deceit, and every unclean spirit, adjured by Him Who will come to judge the living and the dead.

*People*

**Amen .**

***Priest***

O Lord, hear my prayer.

***People***

**And let my cry come onto thee.**

***Priest***

Let us pray.

***Priest***

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly implore Thee, in Thy immeasurable kindness and love, to bless ++ and sanctify ++ this salt which Thou did 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 our Lord, + Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, now and forever.

***People***

**Amen.**

@ Exorcism of Water

***Priest***

O water, creature of God, I exorcise you 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 Spirit. I exorcise you so that you may put to flight all the power of the Enemy, and be able to root out and supplant that Enemy with his apostate angels; through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will come to judge the living and the dead.

**People**

**Amen.**

**Priest**

O Lord, hear my prayer.

**People**

**And let my cry come onto thee.**

**Priest**

Let us pray.

**Priest**

O God, Who for the salvation of mankind has 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 purification's. 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 every thing in the homes and other buildings of the faithful 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 these 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 our Lord + Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, now and forever.

**People**

**Amen.**

@ The Blessing of the Ashes

***Priest***

O Lord, hear my prayer.

***People***

**And let my cry come onto thee.**

***Priest***

Let us pray.

***Priest***

Almighty and everlasting God, spare the penitent, be favorable to the suppliant, and deign Thou to send Thy holy Angel from Heaven, to ++ bless and ++ sanctify these ashes, that they may be a wholesome remedy to all who humbly implore Thy name, and in knowledge of their offenses, accuse themselves, lamenting their wrongdoing in the sight of Thy divine clemency, and asking for Thy most serene mercy in earnest and steadfast supplication. And grant that, through the invocation of Thy most holy name, all who shall sprinkle them upon themselves for the remission of their sins, may gain health of body and protection of the soul. Through Christ, our Lord.

***People***

**Amen.**

The priest mixes a little salt and ashes into a form of a cross. As he does so the priest says:

***Priest***

May this salt and ashes mix together. In the name of the ++ Father, and of the ++ Son, and of the ++ Holy Spirit.

The priest takes a handful of this mixture, and drops it into the water in form of a cross three times. As he does so the priest says:

***Priest***

May this mixture of salt, ashes and water now be made in the name of the Father ++, and of the Son ++, and of the Holy Spirit ++.

***People***

**Amen.**

@ The Blessing of the Wine

***Priest***

O Lord, hear my prayer.

***People***

**And let my cry come onto thee.**

***Priest***

Let us pray.

***Priest***

Lord Jesus Christ, who at Cana of Galilee made wine from water, Who art the true vine; multiply Thy mercy upon us, and deign to bless ++ and sanctify ++ this creature of wine, so that wheresoever it shall be poured or sprinkled, that place may be filled with the richness of Thy divine blessing and sanctified.

***People***

**Amen.**

The Priest then pours the wine into the water in the form of a cross saying:

***Priest***

May this, wine, salt, ashes and water be mixed together. In the name of the ++ Father, and of the ++ Son, and of the Holy ++ Spirit.

***People***

**Amen.**

***Priest***

O Lord, hear my prayer.

***People***

**And let my cry come onto thee.**

***Priest***

Let us pray.

***Priest***

Almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of the human race, giver of spiritual grace, and bestower of eternal salvation, send forth Thy Holy Spirit upon this wine mixed with water, salt and ash; that, armed with the defense of Heaven's might, it may serve for the consecration of this Thy church and altar, or through the invocation of Thy holy name, wherever this water, salt and ash is sprinkled it may turn aside every attack of the unclean spirit and dispel the terror of the poisonous serpent.

***People***

**Amen.**