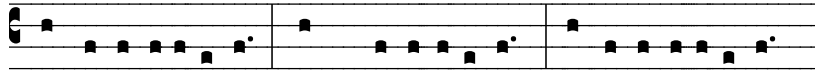


# The Great Blessing of Water at Epiphany

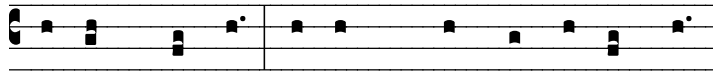
*A bowl of water and a container of salt are made ready in the midst of the Church.*

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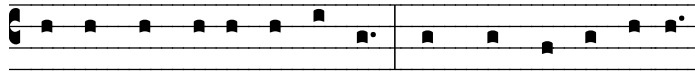
*Priest (or cantor):*



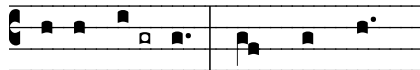
Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. **Chris-te e-le-i-son.** Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



O Christ, hear us. O **Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.**



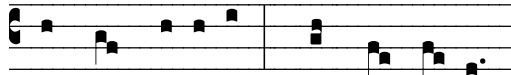
O God the Father of heaven, **have mer-cy up-on us.**  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the / world, **have mercy upon us.**  
O God the Holy / Ghost, **have mercy upon us.**  
Holy Trinity, one / God, **have mercy upon us.**



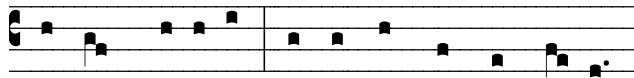
Holy Ma/ry, **pray for us.**  
Holy Mother of / God, **pray...** Holy Virgin of / virgins, **pray...** St. / Michael, **pray...** St. / Gabriel, **pray...** St. / Raphael, **pray...** All ye holy Angels and Arch/angels, **pray...** All ye holy orders of blessed / Spirits, **pray...** St. John the / Baptist, **pray...** St. / Joseph, **pray...** All ye holy Patriarchs and / Prophets, **pray...** St. / Peter, pray... St. / Paul, **pray...** St. / Andrew, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / John, **pray...** St. / Thomas, **pray...** St. / James, **pray...** St. / Philip, **pray...** St. Bar/tholomew, **pray...** St. / Matthew, **pray...** St. / Simon, **pray...** St. / Jude, **pray...** St. Mat/thias, **pray...** St. / Barnabas, **pray...** St. / Luke, **pray...** St. / Mark, **pray...** All ye holy Apostles and Ev/angelists, **pray...** All ye holy Disciples of the / Lord, **pray...** All ye holy / Innocents, **pray...** St. / Stephen, **pray...** St. / Laurence, **pray...** St. / Vincent, **pray...** St. Fabian and St. Se/bastian, **pray...** St. John and St. / Paul, **pray...** St. Cosmas and St. / Damian, **pray...** St. Gervase and St. Pro/tase, **pray...** All ye holy / Martyrs, **pray...** St. Sil/vester, **pray...** St. / Gregory, **pray...** St. / Ambrose, **pray...** St. Au/gustine, **pray...** St. Je/rome, **pray...** St. / Martin, **pray...** St. / Nicholas, **pray...** All ye holy Bishops and Con/fessors, **pray...** All ye holy / Doctors, **pray...** St. / Anthony, **pray...** St. / Benedict, **pray...** All ye holy Priests and / Levites, **pray...** All ye holy Monks and / Hermits, **pray...** St. Mary / Magdalen, **pray...** St. / Agatha, **pray...** St. / Lucy, **pray...** St. / Agnes, **pray...** St. Ce/cilia, **pray...** St. / Catherine, **pray...** St. Ana/stasia, **pray...** All ye holy Virgins and / Widows, **pray...**



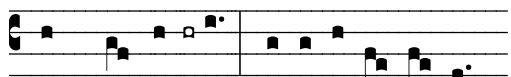
All ye holy men and women, Saints of God, **intercede for us.**



Be thou merciful, **spare us, O Lord.**

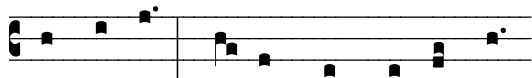


Be thou merciful, **graciously hear us, O Lord.**

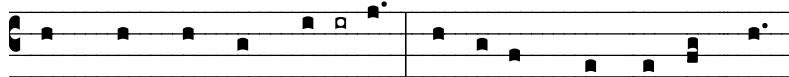


From all e - vil, **deliver us, O Lord.**

- / From all sin, **deliver...** - / From thy wrath, **deliver...** From sudden and un/prepared death, **deliver...** From the crafts of / the devil, **deliver...** From anger, hatred, and all unchar/itableness, **deliver...** From the spirit of / uncleanness, **deliver...** From lightning / and tempest, **deliver...** From the scourge / of earthquake, **deliver...** From pestilence, fam/ine, and war, **deliver...** From ev/erlasting death, **deliver...** Through the mystery of thy holy In/carnation, **deliver...** Through / thine Advent, **deliver...** Through thy / Nativity, **deliver...** Through thy Baptism and ho/ly fasting, **deliver...** Through thy Cross / and Passion, **deliver...** Through thy Death / and Burial, **deliver...** Through thy holy Re/surrection, **deliver...** Through thy wonderful / Ascension, **deliver...** Through the coming of the Holy Ghost / the Paraclete, **deliver...** In the day / of judgement, **deliver...**



We sinners, **beseech thee to hear us.**



That thou wouldest spare us, **we beseech thee to hear us.**

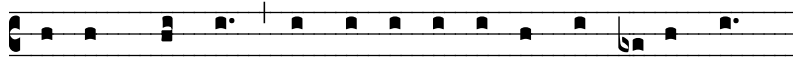
That thou would/est pardon us, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to bring us to true / repentance, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to govern and preserve / thy holy Church, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to preserve our Apostolic lord and all orders of the Church thy true / religion, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to humble the enemies / of holy Church, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to give unto Christian kings and rulers peace and / true concord, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to grant to all the Christian people peace / and unity, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to recall such as do err into the unity of the Church, and to bring all unbelievers into the light of / the Gospel, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to strengthen, and preserve us in thy ho/ly service, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest lift up our minds unto heaven/ly desires, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest reward all our benefactors with

everlast/ing blessings, **we beseech...** That thou wouldest deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, from eternal / damnation, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to give and preserve the fruits / of the earth, **we beseech...** That it may please thee to grant unto all the faithful departed ☩ rest / eternal, **we beseech...**

That it may please thee to ☩ bless / this water, **we beseech...**

That it may please thee to ☩ bless and ☩ sanctify / this water, **we beseech...**

That it may please thee graciously / to hear us, **we beseech...** - / Son of God, **we beseech...**



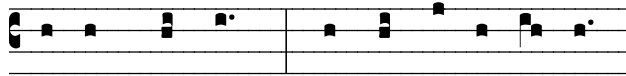
O Lamb of God, who tak-est a-way the sins of the world,



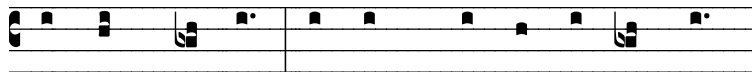
spare us, O Lord.



O Lamb of God... **gra-cious-ly hear us, O Lord.**



O Lamb of God... **have mer-cy up-on us.**



O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, graciously hear us.**



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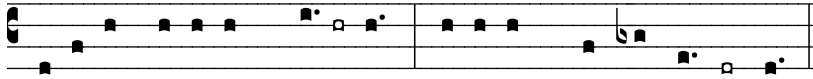
V. Our Father...

*and the remainder is said silently until...*

V. And lead us not into tempta/tion.

R. **But deliver us from e/vil.**

*The following psalms are sung:*

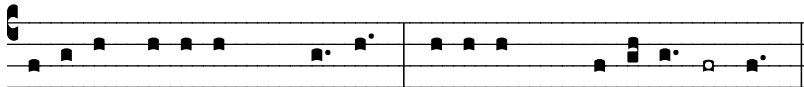


ASCRIBE unto the Lord, O ye / mighty, \* ascribe unto the Lord / worship and strength.

2. Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his / Name; \* worship the Lord with / holy worship.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the / waters; \* it is the glorious God that mak/eth the thunder.
4. It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in ope/ration; \* the voice of the Lord / is a glorious voice.
5. The voice of the Lord breaketh the / cedar-trees; \* yea, the Lord breaketh the ce/dars of Lebanon.
6. He maketh them also to skip like a / calf; \* Lebanon also, and Sirion, like / a young unicorn.
7. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the / wilderness; \* yea, the Lord shaketh the wilder/ness of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth bare the / forests: \* in his temple doth every thing speak / of his honor.
9. The Lord sitteth above the / water-flood, \* and the Lord remaineth a / King for ever.
10. The Lord shall give strength unto his / people; \* the Lord shall give his people the / blessing of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the / Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever / shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.



GOD IS our hope / and strength, \* a very present / help in trouble.

2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth / be moved, \* and though the hills be carried into / the midst of the sea;
3. Though the waters thereof rage / and swell, \* and though the mountains shake at the / tempest of the same.
4. There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city / of God; \* the holy place of the tabernacle of / the Most Highest.
5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be / removed; \* God shall help her, and / that right early.
6. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms / are moved; \* but God hath showed his voice, and the / earth shall melt away.
7. The Lord of hosts is / with us; \* the God of Jacob / is our refuge.
8. O come hither, and behold the works of / the Lord, \* what destruction he hath / brought upon the earth.
9. He maketh wars to cease in all / the world; \* he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the / chariots in the fire.



whom you heretofore in your great pride considered yourself equal; He who desires that all men might be saved and come to the knowledge of Truth.

God the Father ☩ commands you.

God the Son ☩ commands you.

God the Holy ☩ Spirit commands you.

The majesty of Christ, the eternal Word of God made flesh ☩ commands you; He who for the salvation of our race, the race that was lost through your envy, humbled Himself and became obedient even unto death; He who built His Church upon a solid rock, and proclaimed that the gates of hell should never prevail against her, and that He would remain with her all days, even to the end of the world.

The sacred mystery of the Cross ☩ commands you, as well as the power of all the mysteries of Christian faith.

The exalted Virgin Mary, Mother of God ☩ commands you, who in her lowliness crushed your proud head.

The faith of the holy apostles Peter and Paul and the other apostles ☩ commands you.

The blood of the martyrs and the devout intercession of all holy men and women commands you.

Therefore, accursed dragon and every diabolical legion, we adjure you by the living ☩ God, by the true ☩ God, by the holy ☩ God, by the God who so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but shall have life everlasting; cease your deception of the human race and your giving them to drink of the poison of everlasting damnation; desist from harming the Church and fettering her freedom. Begone Satan, you father and teacher of lies and enemy of mankind. Give place to Christ in whom you found none of your works; give place to the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church, which Christ Himself purchased with His blood. May you be brought low under God's mighty hand. May you tremble and flee as we call upon the holy and awesome Name of Jesus, before whom hell quakes, and to whom the virtues, powers, and dominations are subject; whom the cherubim and seraphim praise with unwearied voices, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!

*Then the antiphon and Magnificat.*

*Antiphon:*



Now do we cel-e-brate a fes-ti-val in hon-or of three days



when Christ was made man-i-fest: the day where-on the star



led the Wise Men to the man-ger, the day where-on wat-er



was turned to wine at the wed-ding feast; the day where-on



Christ was pleased to be bap-tized of John in Jor-dan that



He might save us. Al- le- lu- ia.

MAGNIFICAT

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✠ MY SOUL doth magnify / the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in / God my Savior.  
FOR HE hath re/garded \* the lowliness of / his handmaiden.  
FOR BEhold from / henceforth \* all generations shall / call me blessed.  
FOR HE that is mighty hath magni/fied me; \* and ho/ly is his Name.  
AND HIS mercy is on them that / fear him \* throughout all / generations.  
HE HATH showed strength with / his arm; \* he hath scattered the proud in the imagina/tion of  
their hearts.  
HE HATH put down the mighty from / their seat, \* and hath exalted the / humble and meek.  
HE HATH filled the hungry with / good things; \* and the rich he hath sent / empty away.  
HE REMembering his mercy † hath holpen his servant Is/rael; \* as he promised to our  
forefathers, Abraham and his / seed for ever.  
GLORY be to the Father and to / the Son, \* and / to the Holy Ghost.  
AS IT was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, \* world / without end. Amen.

*The antiphon is repeated.*

Now do we celebrate a festival in honor of three days when Christ was made manifest: the day whereon the star led the Wise Men to the manger, the day whereon water was turned to wine at the wedding feast; the day whereon Christ was pleased to be baptized of John in Jordan that He might save us. Alleluia.

*Then is sung the Collect for Epiphany.*

O God, who on this day didst by the leading of a star manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, which know thee now by faith, may finally attain unto the contemplation of the beauty of thy majesty. Through the same...

*V.* Our help is in the Name of / the Lord.

***R.* Who hath made heaven / and earth.**

*If there be no exorcised and blessed salt, the Priest begins*

I adjure thee, O creature of salt, by the living ☩ God, by the true ☩ God, by the holy God: by God who commanded thee to be cast by the Prophet Elisha into the water to heal the barrenness thereof: that thou become salt exorcised for the health of them that believe: be thou to all them that take of thee effectual for healing of soul and body, let all vain imaginations, wickedness, and subtlety of the wiles of the devil, let every unclean spirit flee and depart from the place where thou art to be sprinkled, being adjured by him who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thine infinite mercy: that thou wouldest vouchsafe of thy loving-kindness to ☩ bless and ☩ sanctify this creature of salt, which thou hast given for the use of mankind; that it may avail unto all that take of it health of body and soul: let all such things as shall be touched or sprinkled therewith be free from all uncleanness, and from all assaults of spiritual wickedness. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*The exorcism of the water is said straightway.*

I adjure thee, O creature of water, in the Name of God the ☩ Father almighty, in the Name of ☩ Jesus Christ his Son, our Lord, and by the power of the ☩ Holy Ghost: that thou become water exorcised for the putting to flight of all the power of the enemy, and that thou be enabled to root out and to expel the enemy himself with his apostate angels by the power of the same Jesus Christ our Lord: Who shall come 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 ordained in thy chiefest sacraments the use of the substance of water: mercifully assist us who call upon thee, and pour the power of thy ☩ benediction upon this element, made ready by diverse cleansings: that this thy creature, in the service of thy mysteries, may effectually receive thy divine grace for casting forth of devils

and the healing of diseases, that whatsoever of the dwellings or abodes of thy faithful people shall be sprinkled with this water may be free from all uncleanness and delivered from all evil: let not the spirit of pestilence abide therein, nor the breath of corruption; let all the snares of the unseen enemy depart from thence: and let all such things as are contrary to the health and peace of them that dwell therein be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water; that, as through the invocation of thy holy Name we entreat for them thy saving health, so they may be defended against all assaults. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*Here he shall thrice put salt into the water in the form of a cross, saying once:*

Let this commingling of salt and water be wrought in the Name of the ☩ Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the ☩ Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*V.* The Lord be with you

*R.* **And with thy spirit**

Let us pray: O God, who art the Author of strength invisible, the King of the empire that none can overcome, Who art ever-glorious in thy triumphs; Who dost quell the might of the dominion that is against thee, Who rulest the raging of the fierce enemy, Who dost overthrow by thy power the wickedness of thy foes; we entreat thee, O Lord, and beseech thee in fear and lowliness: that thou wouldest graciously behold this creature of salt and water, and mercifully enlighten and sanctify it with the dew of thy loving-kindness; that, wheresoever it shall be sprinkled, all the snare of the unclean spirit may through the invocation of thy holy Name be driven away, and the dread of the poisonous serpent be cast forth: and in all places let the presence of the Holy Ghost be vouchsafed unto us who call upon thy mercy. Through Jesus Christ, the Son, our Lord, Who livest and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

*The people are sprinkled with the Blessed Water as the Te Deum or the opening hymn of the Mass is Sung.*