



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Epiphany (which means “revealing”) commemorates the Magi who came from the East following a star and bearing gifts to meet the child who would become king. We celebrate Epiphany to remember that Christ has revealed himself to us, too.

“**Chalking the door**” is a centuries-old way to celebrate and to mark the occasion of the Epiphany with God's blessing of our lives and homes. Using chalk, people mark the doorpost of their home with an inscription signifying the new year, along with the marks C+M+B, which stand for the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means “May Christ bless this house.” They also stand for the traditional names of the Magi who visited Christ: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

Here's a liturgy you can use with your family to participate in this tradition:

Chalking the Door Liturgy

Leader: At the end of these days of Christmastide, we keep the Feast of Epiphany. We celebrate Christ being made known to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding in Cana. Today Christ is made known to us! Today this home is a holy place!

Leader: Peace be to this house and all who enter here.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you—Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.

People: **Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Using chalk, mark your lintel or doorpost (inside or out) as you read:

Leader: The Magi, Caspar (**C**), Melchior (**M**), and Baltasar (**B**)... came from the East to Bethlehem to adore the Lord.

C M B

Now add the year as written below as you read the next section:

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" two thousand (20) and twenty-four (25) years ago.

20 C M B 25

Then add the crosses as you pray the blessing:

May Christ

20 C + M B 25

our home

20 C + M + B 25

bles

20 C + M + B + 25

and remain with us through the year.

20 + C + M + B + 25

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**



Located in Canton, Georgia, **St. Clement's Episcopal Church** is a vibrant faith community committed to living out God's grace through worship, service, and fellowship. With a welcoming spirit, we offer a place for all to grow in faith and community, following the example of Christ in our daily lives.

Our diverse congregation of approximately 150 families is actively engaged in worship, mission, and outreach, with a focus on strengthening ties within our parish and the broader Cherokee County community through serving others. In addition to our Sunday services, St. Clement's offers a variety of programs such as small group bible studies, Godly Play, our EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), fellowship events and many more. We welcome visitors and invite all to be a part of what God is doing in our midst.