

# Blessing of Water

*In many churches, holy water is kept to be used by the faithful as a reminder of Baptism, and for the blessing of objects that are to be set apart for religious use. In cathedral, collegiate, or parish churches, holy water may be sprinkled on the congregation before the principal Eucharist on Sunday. According to tradition, this may be done only if there is a choir; it may be done only once on the same day in the same church; it is always performed by the celebrant, who wears a cope, without maniple, and changes to eucharistic vestments later. It would not normally be done on a weekday, except in connection with a Renewal of Baptismal Vows.*

*Blessing of water is not Christian magic, and is meaningless without the faith of the participants. The use of holy water is not a sacrament, and the water itself has no intrinsic value. It is symbolic of the prayers that are offered as it is blessed.*

*The blessed water is normally stored in a container in the sacristy. Next to it is a dish of salt. When salt is put into the dish it is exorcized, then blessed. Each time water is added to the container, it is also exorcized, then blessed, and some of the salt is mixed with it. As long as blessed salt is still available, it is not necessary to bless more salt each time water is blessed.*

*Blessed water is then placed in stoops or other containers near the doors of the church for the use of the faithful as they enter and leave. Baptized persons may also take blessed water to their homes, provided they have a suitable place for it.*

## Part 1 English

### Exorcism of the Salt

I exorcize you, creature of salt, by the living God, so that you be fit for the healing of mind and body of all who use you. Wherever you are sprinkled, may all evil and wicked thoughts depart, all works and deceits of the devil be driven away, and all unclean spirits be cast out, by him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. *Amen.*

*Exorcism (1971)*

### Blessing of the Salt

Almighty and eternal God, graciously bless and make holy this creature of salt. May it give health of mind and body to all who use it. Let all touched or sprinkled with it be protected against all that is sinful, and all attacks of spiritual wickedness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Exorcism (1971)*

### Exorcism of the Water

I exorcize you, creature of water, in the Name of God, the Father Almighty, in the Name of Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, that you be fit to put to flight all the power of Satan, and to root out and expel Satan himself and his fallen angels; through the power of the same Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead. *Amen.*

*Exorcism (1971)*

## Blessing of the Water

Almighty God, Father eternal, hear our prayers, and bless and make holy this creature of water, that it may serve you for the casting out of devils, and the driving away of sickness of mind and body. Grant that whatever is sprinkled with this water may be cleansed from all that is foul or harmful. Let no sickness abide there, and cause all the power of the unseen enemy, with his cunning and deceits, to depart. Through this water, dispel all that is contrary to the health and peace of your people, so that, protected by the invocation of your holy Name, they may be secure against every adversary; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

*Exorcism (1971)*

*Salt is now poured into the water in the form of a cross.*

May this mixing of salt and water be done in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Exorcism (1971)*

## Concluding Prayer

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this creature of salt and water, and of your loving-kindness sanctify it. Wherever it shall be sprinkled with the invocation of your holy Name, may the attacks of evil spirits be repelled, and the fear of all evil be kept away. May the presence of the Holy Spirit be given to all who seek your mercy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Exorcism (1971)*

## At the Blessing of the People

### Outside of Eastertide

#### Rite I

#### Antiphon

*Asperges me*

*Psalm 51:8*

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Liber Usualis, The Ordinary Chants of the Mass: The Asperges (outside Paschal Time) (on Psalm 51)*

#### Rite II

#### Antiphon

*Asperges me*

*Psalm 51:8*

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

*Liber Usualis, The Ordinary Chants of the Mass: The Asperges (outside Paschal Time) (on Psalm 51)*

### In Eastertide

#### Rite I

#### Antiphon

*Vidi aquam*

*Cf. Ezekiel 47:1,9*

#### Rite II

#### Antiphon

*Vidi aquam*

*Cf. Ezekiel 47:1,9*

I beheld water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side thereof, alleluia; and everything, whithersoever the waters of life shall come, shall be healed, and they all shall say, "Alleluia, alleluia."

*Liber Usualis, The Ordinary Chants of the Mass: The Asperges (in Paschal Time) (on Psalm 118)*

I saw water flowing from the temple, from the right side, alleluia; and those to whom the waters of life shall come shall be healed, and shall say, "Alleluia, alleluia."

*Liber Usualis, The Ordinary Chants of the Mass: The Asperges (in Paschal Time) (on Psalm 118)*

## Parte 2 Español

### Exorcismo de la Sal

Te exorcizo, criatura de sal, por el Dios vivo, para que seas capaz de sanar la mente y el cuerpo de todos que te usen. Doquier te rocíes, partan todos pensamientos malignos y malvados, se huyan todas obras y mentiras del diablo, y sean desechados todos espíritus inmundos, por él que está listo para juzgar a los vivos y los muertos. *Amén.*

*Exorcism (1971), tr. editor*

### Bendición de la Sal

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, con tu bondad bendice y santifica esta criatura de sal. Que dé salud de mente y cuerpo a todos que la usen. Que sean protegidos contra todo lo pecaminoso, y contra todos los ataques de maldad todo lo tocado o rociado con ella; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. *Amén.*

*Exorcism (1971), tr. editor*

### Exorcismo del Agua

Te exorcizo, criatura de agua, en el Nombre de Dios Padre Todopoderoso, en el Nombre de Jesucristo su Hijo nuestro Señor, y en el poder del Espíritu Santo, que seas capaz de poner a la fuga todo el poder de Satanás, y de descubrir y desechar al mismo Satanás y sus ángeles caídos; por el poder del mismo Señor Jesucristo, que vendrás a juzgar a los vivos y los muertos. *Amén.*

*Exorcism (1971), tr. editor*

### Bendición del Agua

Dios omnipotente, Padre eterno, oye nuestras oraciones, y bendice y santifica esta criatura de agua, que te sirva para el desechar de demonios, y el expulsar de enfermedad de mente o de cuerpo. Concede que todo lo que sea rociado de este agua sea limpio de todo lo sucio o dañino. Que no se quede allí ninguna enfermedad, y haz partir al enemigo invisible, con todo su poder, sus engaños y mentiras. Con este agua haz desaparecer todo lo contrario a la salud y paz de tu pueblo, para que, protegido por la invocación de tu santo Nombre, sea seguro contra todo adversario; por Jesucristo tu Hijo nuestro Señor. *Amén.*

*Exorcism (1971), tr. editor*

*Ahora se vierte la sal en el agua en forma de cruz.*

Que esta sal y esta agua se mezclan en el Nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. *Amén.*

*Exorcism (1971), tr. editor*

## Oración Final

Padre todopoderoso, mira con piedad en esta criatura de sal y agua, y de tu bondad, santifícala. Doquier se rocíe con la invocación de tu santo Nombre, se resistan los ataques de los espíritus malvados, y se guarda lejos el temor del mal. Da la presencia de tu Espíritu Santo a todos los que buscan tu misericordia; por Jesucristo tu Hijo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo y el mismo Espíritu, on sólo Dios, para siempre jamás. *Amén.*

*Exorcism (1971), tr. editor*

## En la Bendición del Pueblo

### Fuera de Tiempo Pascual

#### Antífona

*Asperges me*

*Salmo 51:8*

Límpiame de mi pecado, y seré puro;  
lávame, y seré más blanco que la nieve.

*Liber Usualis, The Ordinary Chants of the Mass: The Asperges (outside  
Paschal Time) (sobre Salmo 51)*

### En Tiempo Pascual

#### Antífona

*Vidi aquam*

*Cf. Ezequiel 47:1,9*

Vi agua fluyendo desde el templo, de su  
derecha, aleluya; y todos a quien vendrán  
las aguas de la vida sanados serán, y  
dirán, "Aleluya, aleluya."

*Liber Usualis, The Ordinary Chants of the Mass: The Asperges (in  
Paschal Time) (sobre Salmo 118)*