

# Blessing of Holy Water



Christ Blessing by Giovanni Bellini c. 1460

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1. Diebus dominicis, et quandocumque opus sit, præparato sale et aqua munda benedicendo in ecclesia, vel in sacristia, sacerdos, superpelliceo et stola violacea indutus, primo dicit:

**Ÿ. Adjuutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.**

**Ŕ. Qui facit coelum et terram.**

2. Deinde absolute incipit exorcism salis:

**E**xorcizo te, creatura salis, per Deum ✠ vivum, per Deum ✠ verum, per Deum ✠ sanctum: per Deum, qui te per Eliseum prophetam in aquam mitti iussit, ut sanaretur sterilitas aquæ: ut efficiaris sal exorcizatum in salutem credentium: et sis omnibus sumentibus te sanitas animæ et corporis: et effugiat atque discedat a loco, in quo aspersum fureis, omnis phantasia, et ne quitia, vel versutia diabolicæ fraudis, omnisque spiritus immundus adjuratus per eum, qui venturus es judicare vivos at mortuos, at sæculum per ignem.

**Ŕ. Amen.**

Oremus.

**I**mmensam clementia tuam, omnipotens æterne Deus, humiliter imploramus: ut hanc creaturam salis, quam in usum generis humani tribuisti, bene ✠ dicere, et sancti+ficare tua pietate digneris: ut sit omnibus sumentibus salus mentis et corporis: et quidquid ex eo tactum, vel respersum fuerit, careat omni immunditia

The blessing of water should normally be made on Sunday before the principal Mass. It may be blessed at other times, whenever the need arises. Salt and clean water should be prepared in the church or sacristy. Salt which has already been blessed and exorcised may be kept on hand and used in future blessings of water. The priest says:

**Ÿ.** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Ŕ.** Who made heaven and earth.

He then exorcises and blesses the salt, saying:

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 and the world by fire.

**Ŕ. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly implore you, in your immeasurable kindness and love, to bless ✠ this salt which you created and gave 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. May it rid whatever it touches or sprinkles of all uncleanness and protect it from every assault of evil spirits. Through Christ our Lord. **Ŕ. Amen.**

omnique impugnatione spiritalis nequitiae.  
Per Dominum nostrum. **R.** Amen.

Et dictum absolute:

**E**xorcizo te, creatura aquae, in nomine Dei  
✠ Patris omnipotentis, et in nomine Jesu ✠  
Christi, Filii ejus Domini nostri, et in  
virtute Spiritus ✠ Sancti: ut fias aqua  
exorcizata ad effugandam omnem  
potestatem inimici, et ipsum inimicum  
eradicare et explantare valeas cum angelis  
suis apostaticis, per virtutem ejusdem  
Domini nostri Jesu Christi: qui venturus  
est judicare vivos et mortuos et saeculum  
per ignem. **R.** Amen.

Oremus.

**D**eus, qui ad salutem humani generis  
maxima quæque sacramenta in aquarum  
substantia condidisti: adesto propitius  
invocationibus nostris, et elemento huic,  
multimodis purificationibus præparato,  
virtutem tuæ bene ✠ dictionis infunde; ut  
creatura tua, mysteriis tuis serviens, ad  
abigendos dæmones morbosque pellendos  
divinæ gratiæ sumat effectum; ut quidquid  
in domibus vel in locis fidelium hæc unda  
resperserit careat omni immunditia,  
liberetur a noxa: non illic resideat spiritus  
pestilens, non aura corrumpens: discedant  
omnes insidiæ latentis inimici; et si quid  
est quod aut incolumitati habitantium  
invidet aut quieti, aspersione hujus aquæ  
effugiat: ut salubritas, per invocationem  
sancti tui nominis expetita, ab omnibus sit  
impugnationibus defensa. Per Dominum  
nostrum. **R.** Amen.

He then exorcises and blesses the  
water, saying:

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 and the  
world by fire. **R.** Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, for the salvation of mankind  
you built your greatest mysteries on  
this substance, water, in your kindness  
hear our prayers and pour down the  
power of your blessing ✠ into this  
element, made ready for many kinds of  
purifications. May this, your creature,  
become an agent of divine grace in the  
service of your mysteries, to drive  
away evil spirits and dispel sickness, so  
that everything 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  
health obtained by calling upon your  
holy name may be made secure against  
all attack. Through Christ our Lord. **R.**  
Amen.

3. Hic ter mittat sal in aquam in modum crucis, dicendo semel:

Here the priest pours salt into the water in the form of a cross, saying:

Commixtio salis et aquæ pariter fiat in nomine Pa ✠ tris, et Fi ✠ lii et Spiritus ✠ Sancti. Amen.

May a mixture of salt and water now be made, in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit ✠. Amen.

✠. Dominus vobiscum.

✠. The Lord be with you.

✠. Et cum spiritu tuo.

✠. And with your spirit.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

**D**eus, invictæ virtutis auctor, et insuperabilis imperii rex, ac semper magnificus triumphator: qui adversæ dominationis vires reprimis: qui inimici rugientis sævitiam superas: qui hostiles nequitas potenter expungas: te, Domine, trementes et supplices deprecamur ac petimus: ut hanc creaturam salis et aquæ dignanter aspicias, benignus illustres, pietatis tuæ rore sanctifices; ut, ubicumque fuerit aspersa, per invocationem sancti nominis tui, omnis infestatio immundi spiritus abigatur, terrorque venenosi serpentis procul pellatur: et presentia Sancti Spiritus nobis, misericordiam tuam poscentibus, ubique adesse dignetur. Per Dominum nostrum. Amen.

O God, Creator unconquerable, invincible King, Victor ever-glorious, you hold in check the forces bent on dominating us, you overcome the cruelty of the raging enemy, in your power you beat down the wicked foe. Humbly and fearfully do we pray to you, O Lord, and we ask you to look with favor on this salt and water which you created. Shine on it with the light of your kindness. Sanctify it by the dew of your love, so that, through the invocation of your holy name, wherever this water and salt is sprinkled, it may turn aside every attack of the unclean spirit and dispel the terror of the poisonous serpent. And wherever we may be, make the Holy Spirit present to us who now implore your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Some benefits of Holy Water**

Holy Water is a sacramental of the church. It used as a reminder of our Baptism. When used with faith, Holy Water has the power to remit venial sins. It is a form of protection from the powers of evil. And it will give strength in time of temptation. Holy Water is used by Priests when blessing people, places and objects. It is used during exorcisms. The devil hates Holy Water. Sprinkle it in your homes, on your beds, over each member of your family. Put a little font near your front door so that it may be used on leaving and returning. Carry a small bottle in your pocket and your car. Holy Mother Church provides these beautiful gifts to aid us on the road to salvation.