

Sunday, January 19th, 2025 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany The Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

Welcome to Emmanuel!

Whether you're visiting for the first time, an Emmanuel lifer, or somewhere inbetween, we're so glad that you're here this morning. I hope that you have been warmly welcomed and that you will experience worship that is beautiful, reverent, and joyfully proclaims the hope of the gospel: that in Jesus Christ God is saving sinners.

Emmanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central Florida. We value and celebrate our Anglican heritage and invite all people to experience God's amazing grace along with us.

If there is any way we can pray for you or serve you, or if you have any questions we can answer, please don't hesitate to let me know and we will do our best! My email address is on the back cover along with our office number.

Again, a very warm welcome to you. It is our privilege and joy to worship with you today.

Under the mercy,

The Rev. Jonathan R. Turtle

The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) at 8:00am The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION FOR DIVINE LITURGY

As you enter the church this day take a moment to prepare your heart and mind to worship the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, using these or other prayers: Psalm: 84, 85, 86, 116, or 130

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Open my mind and heart to receive what You desire to say and give me. Open my hands to give to Your service and for the world's need what is mine to give. Open my heart to love You, to pray for those dear to me, to forgive any who have wronged me, and to ask forgiveness of those I have wronged. Amen.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.** **BCP 323**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10 (read responsively by whole verse) *Dixit injustus*

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, * and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; * you save both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! * your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, * and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, * and your favor to those who are true of heart.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 12:1-11 A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

(a moment of silence observed following the sermon)

The Reverend Jonathan Turtle

John 2:1-11

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe, our Diocesan Bishop, Justin Holcomb, our Rector, Jonathan Turtle, and our Retired Associate, Rob Lord, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially our President, Joe Biden, and our president elect, Donald Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Herb, Elizabeth, Terry, Bill, Jere, David, Sue, Matt, Sarah, Joan D., Ann, Joe, Jo Anne, Ted, Angie, Linda, Bill, Sue, Eric, Scott, Neal, Shonte, Joe A., Sylvia, Christian, and for our homebound Jean, Donna, Cynthia, Mimi, Lois; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Peter A. Minderman, beseeching thee to grant him continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



"Let Us Rise Up and Build" Stewardship 2025

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7) With grateful hearts for the foundation we have begun, in the

words of Nehemiah, "Let us rise up and build,"

"Giving is an act of worship that expresses our faith, gratitude, and love for God and others."

THE OFFERTORY DIALOG All things come of thee, O Lord. **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1 The people standing.

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O lord Most High. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people may kneel or remain standing.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. If you're not baptized or would prefer not to receive Communion you may come forward to receive a blessing, which you may indicate by crossing your arms in front of your chest. If you're not baptized and would like to explore baptism, please speak with Fr. Jonathan.

PRAYERS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

As you move forward to receive Christ's most precious Body and Blood pray using this or some other prayer.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYERS IMMEDIATELY AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Having received Christ's most precious Body and Blood and the benefits of the same take a moment to express your gratitude using this or some other prayer.

Jesus, I thank you for all that you give me in this sacrament. Grant that this sacrament may be fruitful in me, bringing forgiveness, increasing my love toward you, confirming my hope, and strengthening my faith. **Amen.**

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT EMMANUEL

Our nursery room is open to all children, newborn through 5 years old during the 10:15 am Eucharist. Children attend the opening part of the service sitting in the pew with their parents. Children leave the service prior to the gospel for our children's chapel and return to the church service during the peace. After communion, they return to the parish hall to finish their lesson. For more information, please feel free to chat with Fr. Jonathan or request more information at admin@emmanuelepiscopal.net.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School will resume on Sunday, February 2nd 2025. The group meets in the parish hall at 9:00am

Forge Community with Nehemiah

What do you need to accomplish? Can you learn from Nehemiah? Come and learn how Nehemiah forged community and got things done! Childcare avail.

Pledge Card Update: We have received 39 pledge cards, with an overall goal of 50. You may fill out a card or for your convenience, the 2025 on-line pledge card is updated and available. Please consider making a pledge for the upcoming year and help us reach our goal!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

01/21 Tues. 6:30pm The Chosen: Season Two

Our movie night series continues, as Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee.

- 01/24 Fri. 2025 Central Florida 2025 Diocesan Convention
- 01/25 Sat. 2025 Central Florida 2025 Diocesan Convention

"Churches exist for the gospel, and our diocese must support the churches in every practical way possible to advance its proclamation."

– Bishop Justin Holcomb

01/26	Sun. 11:30am	Emmanuel's Annual Meeting
02/08	Sat. 3:00pm	Peter Minderman's Funeral Service

A BOOKMARK WITH A PURPOSE: HOLY EUCHARIST ON THE RUN

One of our members, Pete Rogers, has a passion for reading. Reading several books at time, Pete is always in the market for a good bookmark. As an Lay Eucharistic Minister for our church, Pete came up with unique idea to allow homebound friends and family to attend church as many times as possible from the comfort of their own couch. This bookmark guides the reader through the beauty of our Sunday service in prayer. Both Barbara and Peter Minderman assisted Peter with the final draft and editing of the completed version. If you love bookmarks, this is definitely one for you. In addition, it is a great gift for family and friends. Thank you, Pete, for gifting these bookmarks to Emmanuel.

JANUARY OUTREACH

An enormous "Thank you!" to the congregation for all the donations to our December Salvation Army project. We delivered 23 sleeping bag sets (for the kids) and 40 toiletry sets (for the ladies) to the Salvation Army Center for Women and Children on Christmas Eve. All of the donations were blessed by Father Jonathan before being distributed. Included in the packages were diapers, wipes, and a bag of coloring books with crayons. Thank you for your generous support of our work in the community.

This month, we are collecting dry goods. Soup, canned chili, and Chef Boyardee are great items for this time of year.

Volunteering Date at Church of the Good Shepherd in Maitland:

January 25th.

Good Shepherd: 331 Lake Ave. in Maitland.

Food Pantry Volunteers should wear closed toe shoes and arrive around 9. Most work is completed by 11. Thank you for all that you do.

Sunday	01/19	<u>THIS WEE</u> 8:00am 10:15am	<u>к ат Еммапиег</u> Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church) Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
Monday	01/20	8:30-6pm	Camp Emmanuel
Tuesday	01/21	3-6:00pm	Afternoons@Emmanuel
Wed.	01/22	9:30-11:30	Women's Bible Study resumes
		12:05pm	Noon Eucharist (Chapel) Rite I
		3-6:00pm	Afternoons@Emmanuel
		5:00-6pm	Children's Choir
Thursday	01/23	3-6:00pm	Afternoons@Emmanuel
		6:15pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel) laity led
Friday	01/24	3-6:00pm	Afternoons@Emmanuel
Saturday	01/25		
Sunday	01/26	08:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church)
		10:15am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
		11:30am	Annual Parish Meeting (Church)

ADMIN OFFICE HOURS ~ THE WEEK OF	ANUARY 19 th

MONDAY:	Office Closed	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
TUESDAY:	1:00-5:00pm	Office Hours
WEDNESDAY:	admin@emmanuelepiscopal.net	
THURSDAY:	1:00-5:00рм	Office Hours
FRIDAY:	1:00-5:00pm	Office Hours
SATURDAY:	admin@emmanuelepiscopal.net	

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A BLESSING OF THE HOME ON EPIPHANY

The tradition of blessing one's home on or near the feast of the Epiphany (January 6) can be traced back to the Middle Ages.

Using blessed chalk, we mark the lintel of our doorways with the inscription 20+C+M+B+25 calling to mind the magi who according to tradition are named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, who journeyed far from their homes to Bethlehem that they might adore Jesus. CMB is also the Latin acronym for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house." The "+" are crosses, not addition symbols.

20 + C + M + B + 25

The above line should be written on the lintel above the front door into your house. A piece of blessed chalk may be taken with you for this purpose. Following the writing, this prayer is to be used:

O Lord holy, Father Almighty, everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this house.

I call upon thee to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place this mark over my door to remain as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thy Eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.