

January 26th, 2025 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany The Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:15am

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

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The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at 10:15 am The Third 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.

PRELUDE Fantasia on Eventide Michael Dixon (2025) premiered by Gavan McVey

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hail to the Lord's Anointed Hymn 616

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

GLORIA: Hymn S-280

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

A reading from the Prophet Nehemiah.

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding.

This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19 (read responsively by whole verse)

Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'

²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: O Christ, the Word Incarnate Hymn 632

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Turtle

(a moment of silence observed following the sermon)

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe, our Bishop, Justin Holcomb; our Rector, Jonathan Turtle; our Retired Associate, Rob Lord, and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for those at war in Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and all other parts of the world experiencing violence; that the barriers which divide may crumble, that suspicions would disappear, all hatred cease, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust especially our President Donald Trump, that he may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected; we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; Steven, 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, and Lois; and for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Peter A. Minderman, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you. Forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord's My Light

Henry Ruthven

The Lord's my light and saving health, who shall make me dismayed? The Lord is the strength of my life of whom then shall I be afraid? One thing I of the Lord desired, and will seek to obtain, that all the days of my life I may within God's house remain. And now ev'n at this present time, mine head shall lifted be, above all those that are my foes and round encompass me. Therefore unto his tabernacle I'll sacrifices bring. Of joyfulness I'll sing, yea, I to God will praises sing, to God will praises sing.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380

vs 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B The people standing.

BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS Hymn S130





The people may kneel or remain standing.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

THE AGNUS DEI



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: My God thy table now is spread Hymn 321

Hymn 539

O Zion Haste

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

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

PROCESSION HYMN Christ for the world we sing Hymn 537

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE: Sonata No. 1, movement 1 J.S. Bach

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar this morning are given in honor and loving memory of Jim Knapp on the anniversary of his birthday by Greg and Anne Knapp.

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING THE 10:15AM EUCHARIST

Our annual meeting will begin in the church immediately following the 10:15am Eucharist. Feel free to bring a grab a coffee and bring it back to your seat as we prepare financially and spiritually for the upcoming fiscal year.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

We celebrate with our beloved Retired Associate, The Reverend Dr. Rob Lord as he celebrates his 44th anniversary to the priesthood today. Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireas na daoine. It is in the shelter of each other that the people live. Thank you, Father Rob, for continuing to guide us with your wisdom and grace. We are blessed to have you and Nancy in our midst.

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.

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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.

Upcoming Events for Emmanuel in January

**THE CHOSEN: THIS SERIES WILL SEEK TO RETURN AFTER EASTER!

01/26	Sun. 11:30am	Emmanuel's Annual Meeting
02/08	Sat. 3:00pm	Peter Minderman's Funeral Service
02/09	Sunday 5:30pm	Youth Group (parish hall)
02/19	Wed 6:30pm	Lenten Book club hosted by Fr. Jonathan begins!

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. **Thank you for all that you do**.

		THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL		
Sunday	01/26	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church)	
		10:15am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)	
		11:30am	Annual Parish Meeting (Church)	
Monday	01/27	3-6:00pm	Afternoons@Emmanuel	
Tuesday	01/28	3-6:00pm	Afternoons@Emmanuel	
Wed.	01/29	9:30-11:30	Women's Bible Study resumes	
		12:05pm	Noon Eucharist (Chapel) Rite I	
		3-6:00pm	Afternoons@Emmanuel	
Thursday	01/30	3-6:00pm	Afternoons@Emmanuel	
		6:15pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel) laity led	
Friday	01/31	3-6:00pm	Afternoons@Emmanuel	
Saturday	02/01			
Sunday	02/02	08:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church)	
		10:15am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)	

ADMIN OFFICE HOURS ~ THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26TH

MONDAY: 1:00-5:00pm Office Hours

TUESDAY: 1:00-5:00pm Office Hours

WEDNESDAY: <u>admin@emmanuelepiscopal.net</u>

THURSDAY: 1:00-5:00PM Office Hours FRIDAY: 1:00-3:00pm Office Hours

SATURDAY: <u>admin@emmanuelepiscopal.net</u>

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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.