

BLESSING OF FOODS AT EASTER

OPENING PRAYER

Presider: Creator God,
you loved us so much
that you sent us your only Son
to root our lives more firmly in your saving love.
Spirit of God, dwell among us now
as we make our final preparations
to celebrate the resurrection
and the light Jesus brings to our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Lector:
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy:

When you have come into the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you as a heritage; and you have occupied it and settled in it, you shall take some fruits of the various products of the soil which you harvest from the land which the Lord, your God gives you. And putting them in a basket, you shall go to the place which the Lord, your God, chooses for the dwelling place of his name. There you shall go to the priest in office at that time and say to him, "Today I acknowledge to the Lord, my God, that I have indeed come into the land which he swore to our fathers he would give us."

The priest shall then receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord your God. And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence. Then you and your family, together with the Levite and the aliens who live among you, shall make merry over all these good things which the Lord, you God, has given you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING OF FOODS

Presider: Our help is from the Lord
All: Who made heaven and earth.

Presider: Let us pray ...

choose which of the following prayers apply:

BLESSING OF LAMB AND OTHER MEATS

Presider: O God, giver of all good things,
you commanded our ancestors in faith
to partake of lamb on Passover night.
Bless this lamb and other meats
prepared for our Easter celebration
in honor of your Son's Passover
from death to life,
for he is truly the Paschal Lamb
by whose blood we are saved.
As we enjoy the food which you sanctify
for our nourishment,
may we obtain your blessing
through the cross and resurrection of your
Son.
Yours is the power, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BLESSING OF BREAD

Presider: Almighty and ever-living God,
be pleased to bless this bread.
May it be a healthful food for body and
soul, and a safeguard against all harm.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the bread of life,
who came down from heaven
and gives life and salvation to all the
world.

All: Amen.

BLESSING OF WINE

Presider: God of the covenant,
in Cana of Galilee
your Son changed water into wine,
so that all might feast in joy.
Be pleased to bless this wine
which you have given us for our
refreshment and for our Easter feasting.
Grant that whenever it is taken as drink, it
may be accompanied by an outpouring of
your life-giving grace, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

BLESSING OF DAIRY FOODS

Presider: Nurturing God,
creator and author of all being,

bless these cheeses, butter and other
dairy foods, and bless these Easter eggs
which we break as a reminder
of your Son's rising from the tomb to
new life.

May we eat these foods in joyful
celebration of his resurrection,
for he lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

BLESSING OF OTHER FOODS

Presider: O God, through Moses, you directed the
Israelites to carry their sheaves to the
priests for a blessing.
Hear our prayers and shower abundant
blessings on us and on these assorted
foods which we gratefully present to you
in honor of your Son's resurrection.
Grant that we may find them remedy
against sickness and a source of strength
for our bodies.

And may all the gifts you provide be a
source of nourishment for our souls.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING OF CHILDREN AND THEIR EASTER BASKETS

Presider: Creator God, long ago you told your
people to bring their good things for
eating and celebrating to your altar in
thanksgiving.
They obeyed and brought you their
baskets of food and grain before they ate
and celebrated.

Today these boys and girls do the same
as they come here with their Ester
baskets.

We ask you to bless them, their parents
and their friends.

Grant that they and their families may
appreciate all that you have given them.
Bless their Easter eggs and candy and all
that the baskets contain, and as they eat
these foods and candies may their Easter
joy increase.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Presider: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad.

Presider: By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism.

All: May we remain united with him forever. Amen.

Presider: Jesus has freed us from the darkness of sin and death.
Go now in peace to celebrate in His light.

All: Thanks be to God.

EASTER TABLE BLESSING



Loving God,
you graciously give us nourishment and strength
for our journey from the darkness of sin and death
into the everlasting light and life
which your Son's Passover has earned for us.
We call your blessing on our meal today
and on all who celebrate at this table.
Firmly rooted in Christian charity
and in your saving love,
let us also remember those who are hungry and in need.
And may your Holy Spirit remain with us
as we constantly give you praise and thanks.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

