

EASTER FOOD BLESSING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: After the Holy Season of Lent, when we again meet the Risen Christ in the Easter Mass, we will return joyfully to our homes to share our Easter meal. We will then express our sincerity and ask God to bless us while we share with each other the blessed eggs, the sign of new life. Let us ask Our Lord, who is always among those who love Him, to bless this food for our Easter table.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who the day before Your suffering and crucifixion, asked Your Apostles to prepare the paschal meal, and on the very day of Your Resurrection accepted the invitation of two of Your disciples to sit at table with them, and again later in the evening You shared another meal, this time with Your Apostles, we ask you, Lord, that we may experience your presence among us as we partake of our Easter meal on this glorious day when you conquered death, so that we may experience the joy of your Life and Resurrection.

Bless our bread + that recalls both the manna with which the Father fed the Israelites as they wandered in the desert, and the bread with which you miraculously fed those who followed you in the wilderness.

Christ, the Living Bread, You came down from heaven and in the Eucharist You give life to the world. Bless + this bread that recalls both the manna with which the Father fed the Israelites as they wandered in the desert, and the bread with which you miraculously fed those who followed you in the wilderness, and which, after Your Resurrection you prepared for your disciples.

Lamb of God, You have conquered death and redeemed us from our sins, bless + this meat and all food which we will be eating in memory of the Paschal Lamb and all other food which You and Your Apostles ate at the Last Supper.

Bless the salt + and, as salt keeps food from spoiling, protect us from the corruption of sin.

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, bless + these eggs, sign of new life so that by sharing them with our family, friends and guests, we may also be able to share the joy of Your presence among us.

Allow us to come to Your eternal banquet where You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

The presider blesses with holy water the Easter baskets

