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Liturgy for the Chalking of the Doors

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The reader's portion can be divided between those present or read by all.

Reader:

We are here outside our home* to ask Christ to come and be present, not just in our home but also in us.

Let us pray.

Sung or Spoken Prayer



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Reader:

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

—Isaiah 60:1

Sung or Spoken Prayer

Come, light, light of God, give light to creation, enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.

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Reader:

Christ, we pray for your blessing today and throughout the year.

[Write the year on the doorframe, leaving room as suggested by the line spaces as follows: 20 _ _ _ _ 22]

Continue by adding the symbol in blue after each spoken line.

Reader:

Christ, be present.

Christ, be present in our home.*

Christ, be present in *our home*,* and bless all who enter.

May we follow your sacrificial servant leadership.

$$[20 + C_M_B_22]$$

May we follow your example of being present to all who cross our way.

$$[20 + C + M \quad B \quad 22]$$

May we embody your spirit of hospitality and invite others to share in the gifts you have blessed us with.

$$[20 + C + M + B \quad 22]$$

May we faithfully serve as your ambassadors of justice and reconciliation.

$$[20 + C + M + B + 22]$$

Sung or Spoken Prayer

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Reader:

Bless this house* and those within.
Bless our giving and receiving.
Bless our words and conversation.
Bless our hands and recreation.
Bless our sowing and our growing.
Bless our coming and our going.
Bless all who enter and depart.
Bless this house,* your peace impart.
Amen.

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^{*}Adjust the text as necessary to reflect other locations such as a room, office, church, car, etc