

**RITE FOR THE BLESSING
AND SPRINKLING OF WATER**
Appendix II, Roman Missal 2010
Masses of the Easter Season

On Sundays, especially in Easter Time, the blessing and sprinkling of water as a memorial of Baptism may take place from time to time in all churches and chapels, even in Masses anticipated on Saturday evenings.

If this rite is celebrated during Mass, it takes the place of the usual Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass.

READER Opening Announcement
CANTOR NO announcement at this point

AT THE FONT

PRIEST In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

PRIEST The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit
 be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

OR
PRIEST Grace to you and peace from God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: And with your spirit.

OR
PRIEST The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

After the greeting, the Priest calls upon the people to pray:

PRIEST Dear brothers and sisters,
 let us *give thanks to* the Lord our God
 for this water he has created,
 which will be sprinkled on us
 as a memorial of our Baptism.
 May he help us by his grace
 to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

And after a brief pause for silence, he continues with hands joined:

Lord our God,
in your mercy be present to your people's prayers,
and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation
and the still greater work of our redemption,
hear our prayers as we gather with this water blessed at the Easter Vigil.
For you created water to make the fields fruitful
and to refresh and cleanse our bodies.
You also made water the instrument of your mercy:
for through water you freed your people from slavery
and quenched their thirst in the desert;
through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant
you were to enter upon with the human race;
and last of all,
through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan,
you have renewed our corrupted nature
in the bath of regeneration.
Therefore, may this water be for us
a memorial of the Baptism we have received,
and grant that we may share
in the gladness of our brothers and sisters
who at Easter have received their Baptism.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Afterward, taking the aspergillum, the Priest sprinkles himself and the ministers, then the clergy and people, moving up the center aisle.

CANTOR The Sprinkling Hymn is #661, Song Over the Waters, #661

AT THE CHAIR

When he arrives at his chair and the singing is over, the Priest stands facing the people and, with hands joined, says:

PRIEST May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

R. Amen

ALL Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer