

Exorcism of Salt taken from the *Rituale Romanum* blessing of Holy Water. Priest is to be vested in surplice and purple stole to be licit, but this does not affect validity. Latin or English form does not affect validity. It is only one page with an exorcism and blessing prayer. God Bless

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### ORDO AD FACIENDAM AQUAM BENEDICTAM

1. Diebus Dominicis, et quaecumque opus sit, praeparato sale et aqua munda benedicenda in ecclesia, vel in sacristia, Sacerdos, superpelliceo et stola violacea indutus, primo dicit:

*V.* Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.

*R.* Qui fecit caelum et terram.

2. Deinde absolute incipit exorcismum salis:

Exorcízo te, creatúra salis, per Deum ✠vivum, per Deum ✠verum, per Deum ✠sanctum, per Deum, qui te per Eliséum Prophétam in aquam mitti jussit, ut sanarétur sterílitas aquae: ut efficiáris sal exorcizátum in salútem credéntium; et sis ómnibus suméntibus te sánitas ánimae et córporis; et effúgiat, atque discédet a loco, in quo aspérsus fúeris, omnis phantásia, et nequítia, vel versútia diabólicae fraudis, omnisque spíritus immúndus, adjurátus per eum, qui ventúrus est judicáre vivos et mórtuos, et saéculum per ignem. *R.* Amen.

Orémus.

Oratio

**I**MMÉNSAM cleméntiam tuam, omnípotens aetérne Deus, humíliter implorámus, ut hanc creatúram salis, quam in usum géneris humáni tribuísti, bene ✠dicere et sancti ✠ficáre tua pietáte dignéris: ut sit ómnibus suméntibus salus mentis et córporis; et quidquid ex eo tactum vel respérsus fúerit, cáreat omni immundítia, omníque impugnatíone spiritalis nequítiae. Per Dóminum. *R.* Amen.

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*Translator's Note: The holy-water font is a counterpart of the baptismal font; the sacramental is related to the great sacrament. Easter is the day of Holy Baptism par excellence, and every Sunday is a little Easter. Consequently, on the Lord's day the Church blesses water to be used in the renewal of baptism, for so often as she sprinkles us with the blessed water a sign is given us of renewal*

## THE BLESSING OF HOLY WATER

1. On Sundays, or whenever water must be blessed, salt and fresh water are prepared in church or in the sacristy. The priest vested in surplice and purple stole says:

**℣.** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**℟.** Who made heaven and earth.

2. The exorcism of salt follows:

Thou creature of salt, I purge thee of evil by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God, by the God Who ordered thee through Eliseus,\* the prophet to be cast into the water to cure its unfruitfulness. Be thou a purified salt for the health of believers, giving soundness of body and soul to all who use thee. In whatever place thou art sprinkled, may phantoms and wickedness, and Satan's cunning be banished. And let every unclean spirit be repulsed by Him Who shall come to judge the living and dead, and the world by fire. **℟.** Amen.

Let us pray.

Prayer

**O** ALMIGHTY, everlasting God! Humbly we implore thy boundless mercy that thou wouldst deign of thy goodness to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this creature of salt which thou hast given for the use of mankind. May all that use it find in it a remedy for soul and body. And let everything which it touches or sprinkles be freed from uncleanness and assault from evil spirits. Through our Lord. **℟.** Amen.

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*of the pristine life once bestowed by the Gift of Life — baptism. The rubrics direct that this water be blessed either in sacristy or sanctuary. For the edification of the faithful the latter place might well be chosen on occasion. Low Sunday, the octave of the Paschal Mystery would be ideal for this blessing performed in the sight of all the family of God assembled in the parish church.*

\* 4 Kings II, 21.