

Appendix F: Sprinkling Rite with Easter Water

See the diocesan website (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litEasterSprinklingRite.pdf>) for more details.

AN EASTER SPRINKLING RITE

For use during the Easter Season, if water blessed at the Vigil is available. The prayers are modified from the Rite of Infant Baptism.

At the chair or at the back of the church (door, font):

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters, let us praise the Lord our God for this water he has created, and 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.

FORM 1

Bishop: Lord our God,
in your mercy be present to your people's prayers of thanksgiving
as we recall the wondrous work of our creation
and the still greater work of our redemption.
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.

All: Amen.

□ FORM 2

Bishop: Praise to you, almighty God and Father,
for you have created water to cleanse and to give life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
for you offered yourself on the cross,
that in the blood and water flowing from your side,
and through your death and resurrection, the Church might be born.
Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, for you anointed Christ at his baptism in the
waters of Jordan, so that we might all be baptized into you.
We pray, by the mystery of this consecrated water remind us of our new and
spiritual birth in baptism. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

□ FORM 3

Bishop: Father, God of mercy, through these waters of baptism
you have filled us with new life as your very own children.
From all who are baptized in water and the Holy Spirit,
you have formed one people, united in your Son Jesus Christ.
You have set us free and filled our hearts with the Spirit of your love,
that we may live in your peace.
You call those who have been baptized
to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere.
We pray, by the mystery of this consecrated water remind us of our new and
spiritual birth in baptism. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

If beginning at the back of the church, the entrance procession and entrance hymn then begin as usual. The bishop sprinkles the people as he makes his way to the sanctuary. The entrance hymn may be prolonged to accommodate the sprinkling of those seated along side aisles if necessary.

After sprinkling (at the chair):

Bishop: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the eucharist we celebrate
make us worthy to sit at his table in his heavenly kingdom.

All: Amen.

The Gloria follows, and then the Collect.