

Advent Blessing of Children

BLESSING OF THE CAKE

- V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. **Who hath made heaven and earth.**
V. The Lord be with you.
R. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour thy blessing upon this cake, offered in honor of the birth of your Son, our Redeemer, that it may be a wholesome thing for all who partake of it, and grant that whosoever shall eat of it with thanksgiving may, by the invocation of thy holy Name, receive from thee, who art its maker, health of body and protection of soul.
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN

- V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. **Who hath made heaven and earth.**
V. The Lord be with you.
R. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who didst say, Suffer the little children to come unto me, for such is the Kingdom of heaven; favourably regard the faith and

devotion of these parents and grandparents; pour the fullness of thy blessing upon these children; that increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man, they may reach a blessed old age, and at length obtain the reward of eternal life. Who livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest say,

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall be said by the Priest and people,

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

And the Priest shall bless the children with holy water saying,

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*