

# Blessing of the Christmas Tree

## With Priest

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were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness,  
and to know Thee,  
the Orient from on High.//  
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*Priest* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord have mercy.

*Priest* Lord Jesus Christ, our God, who planted the Tree of Life in Paradise so that it might bestow upon us eternal blessedness, bless also this tree which is a symbol of Thy Cross and of that Tree of Life in Paradise, for it reminds us of Thy holy birth and of the logs which the shepherds of Bethlehem kindled to warm themselves on that night when the angels sang and they came to worship Thee, the divine infant; the wood which they burned prefiguring the salvation-bearing wood of Thy cross; for to Thee are due all glory, honour, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

*People* Amen.

*then the Priest sprinkles the tree and the people with holy water while the people again sing (Tone 4):*

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