Easter Basket Blessing

Items needed: holy water and incense. In addition, someone to read or chant the responses.

Priest: Blessed be our God for ever and ever.

Cantor/Reader: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and bestowing life upon those in the tombs. (repeated 3 times)

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Cantor/Reader: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Lord God, look upon these Easter foods, and sanctify them, as you did sanctify the ram which the faithful Abraham brought to you, and as the lamb which Abel offered to you as an offering. Likewise, also as the fatted calf which you did bid to be killed for your prodigal son when he returned to you, that as he was counted worthy to enjoy your grace; so may we also enjoy these things which are sanctified and blessed by you for the nourishment and celebration of us all. For you are the true nourishment, and the giver of good things, and to you we ascribe glory, O most holy, good, and life-creating Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cantor/Reader: Amen

Priest: O Lord our God, author and creator of all things, bless these cheeses and eggs, and preserve us in your goodness, that, as we partake of these, we may be filled with your unimaginable love. For yours is the might, and the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

Cantor/Reader: Amen

The priest blesses the baskets with holy water and/or incense – while the cantor/reader sings/says

Cantor/Reader: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and bestowing life upon those in the tombs.

The Easter dismissal follows immediately.