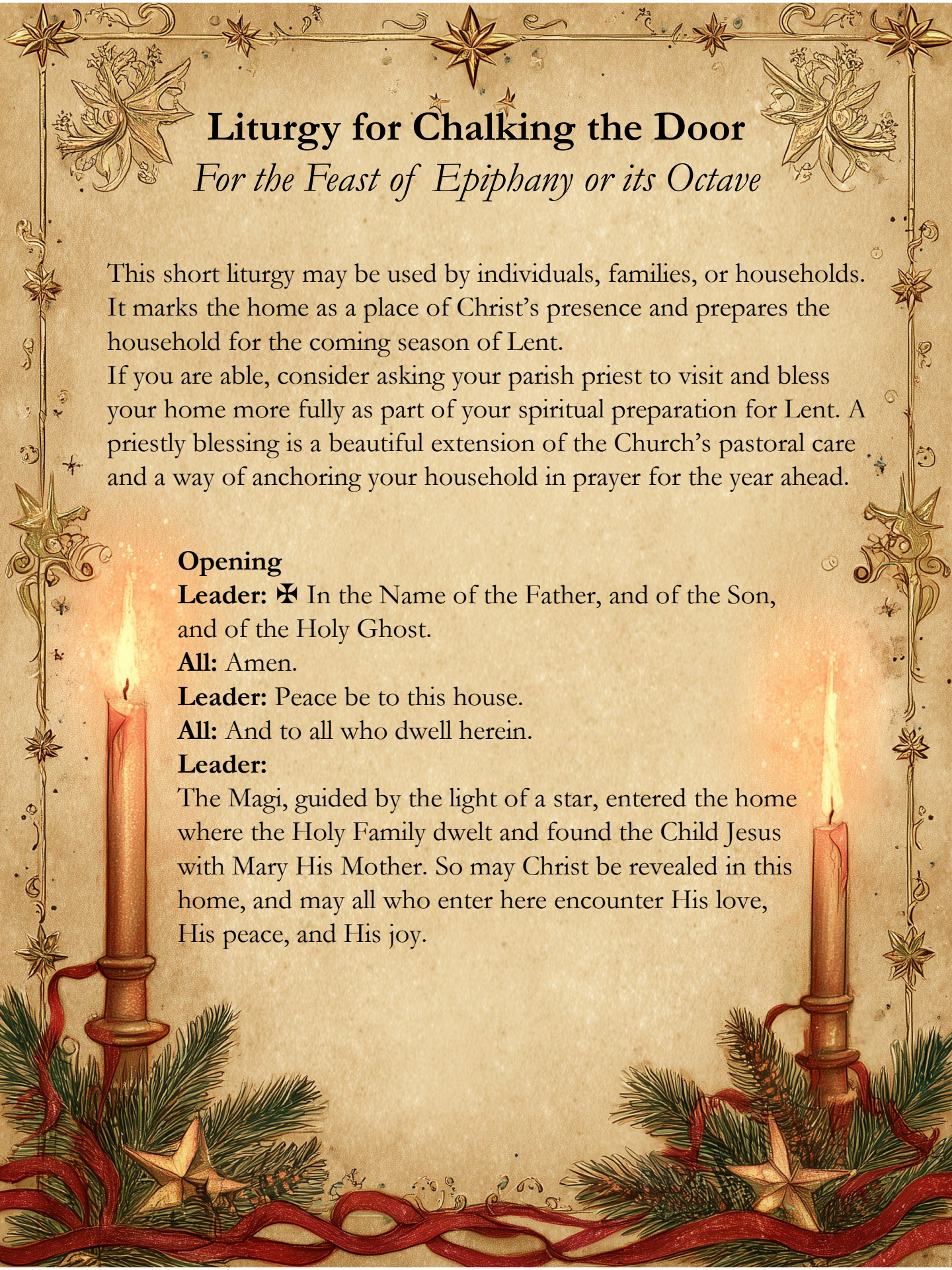




Liturgy for Chalking the Door

For the Feast of Epiphany or its Octave

This short liturgy may be used by individuals, families, or households. It marks the home as a place of Christ's presence and prepares the household for the coming season of Lent.

If you are able, consider asking your parish priest to visit and bless your home more fully as part of your spiritual preparation for Lent. A priestly blessing is a beautiful extension of the Church's pastoral care and a way of anchoring your household in prayer for the year ahead.

Opening

Leader: ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

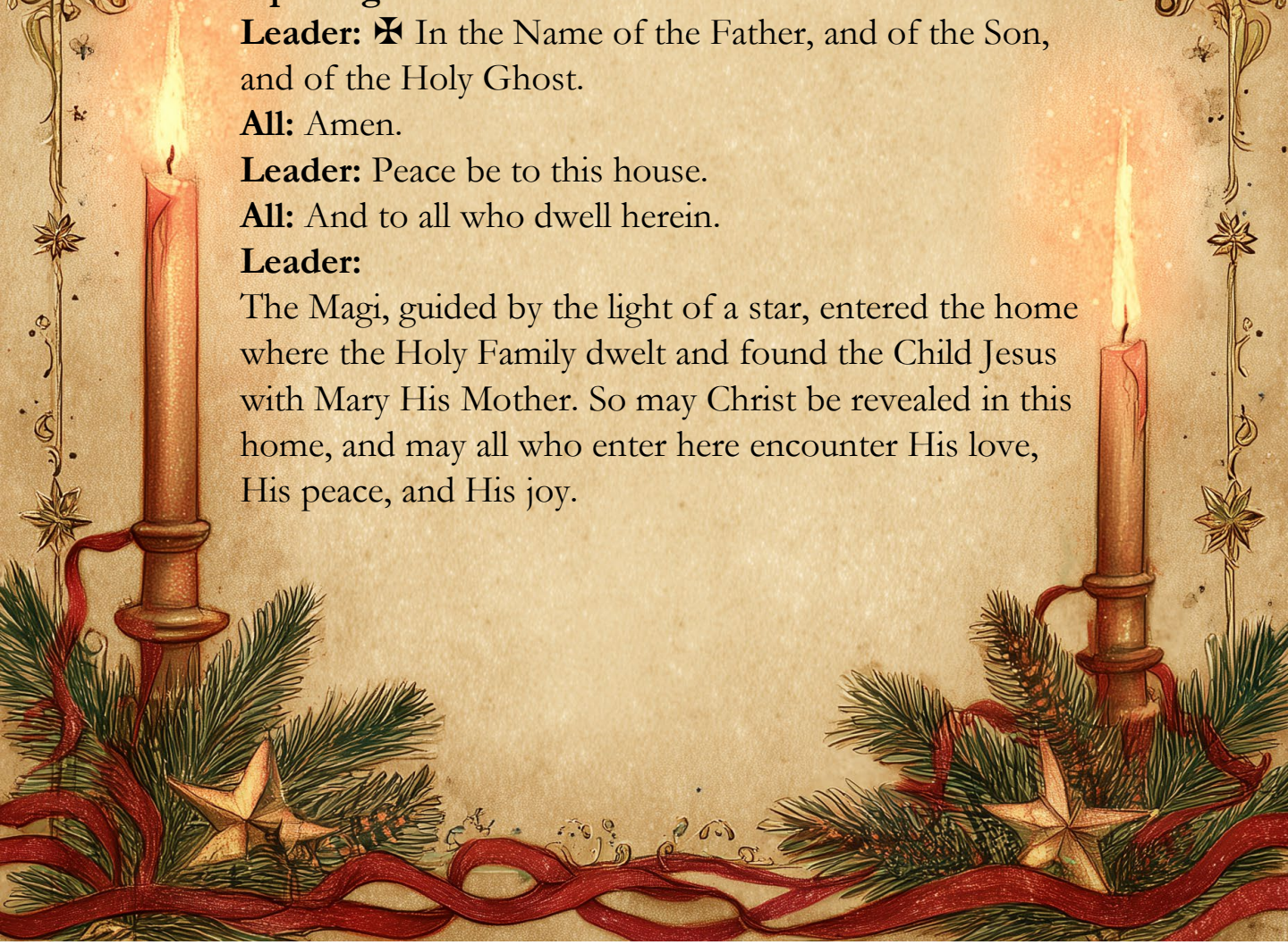
All: Amen.

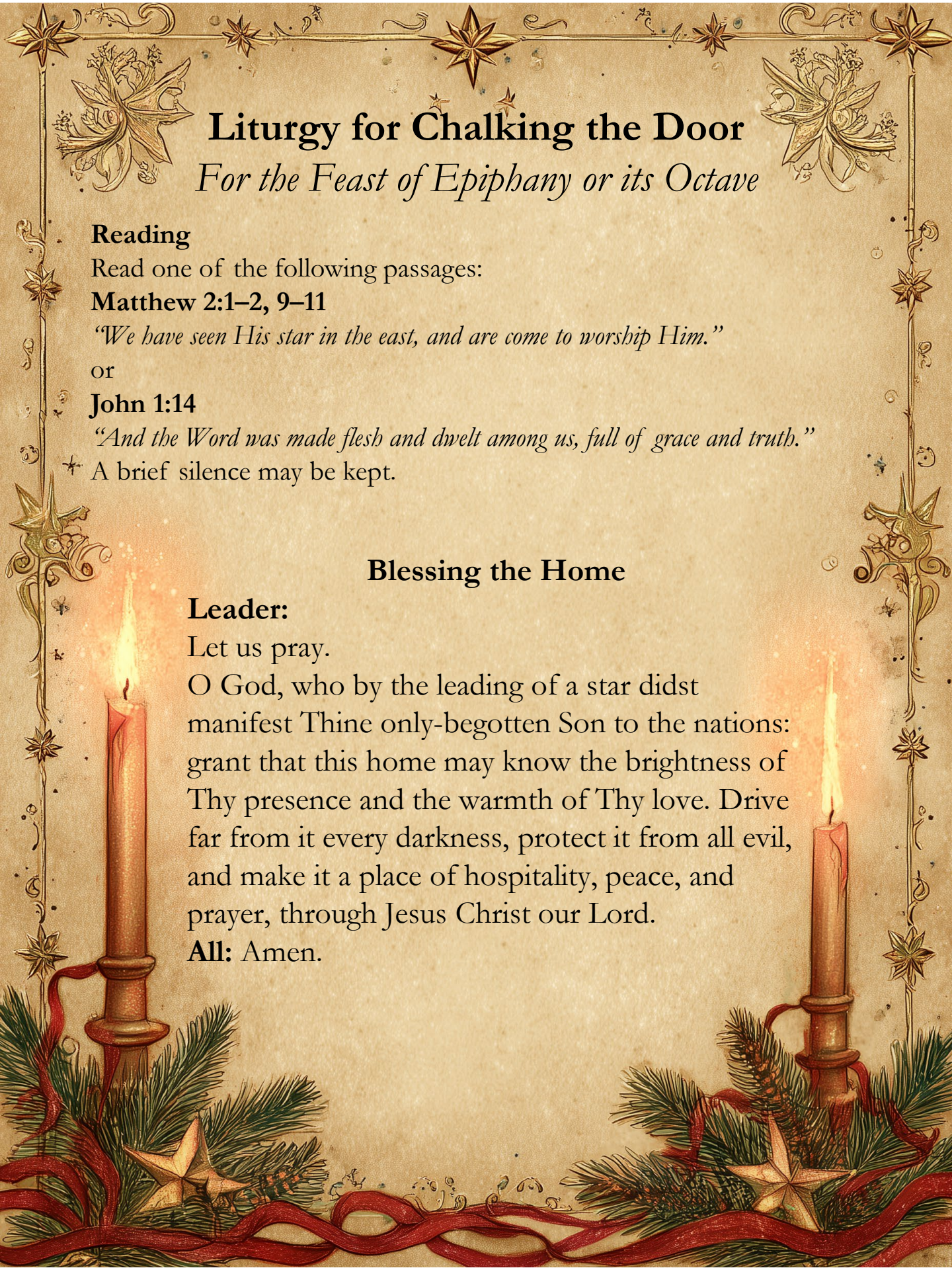
Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader:

The Magi, guided by the light of a star, entered the home where the Holy Family dwelt and found the Child Jesus with Mary His Mother. So may Christ be revealed in this home, and may all who enter here encounter His love, His peace, and His joy.





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Reading

Read one of the following passages:

Matthew 2:1–2, 9–11

“We have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.”

or

John 1:14

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.”

✦ A brief silence may be kept.

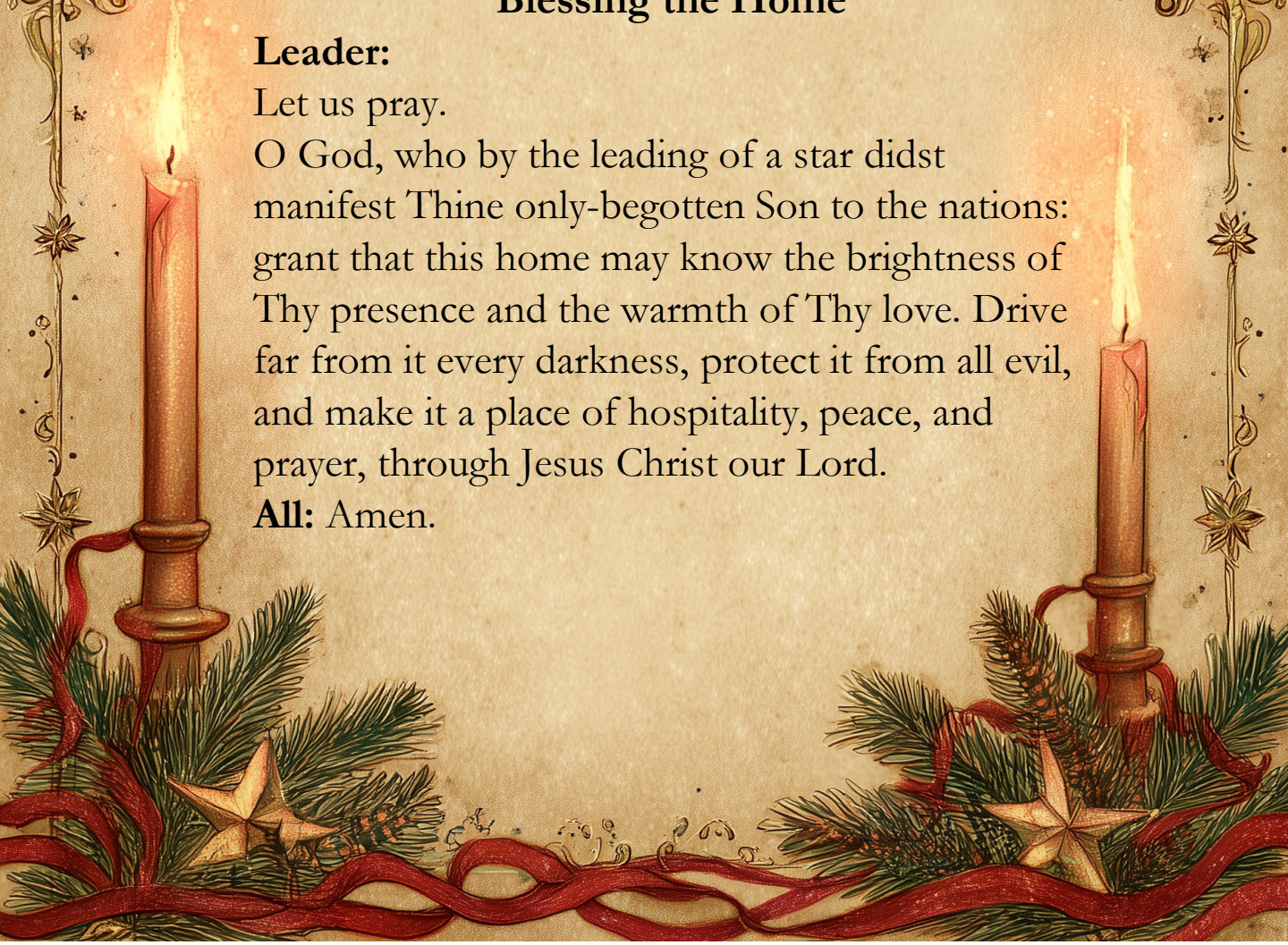
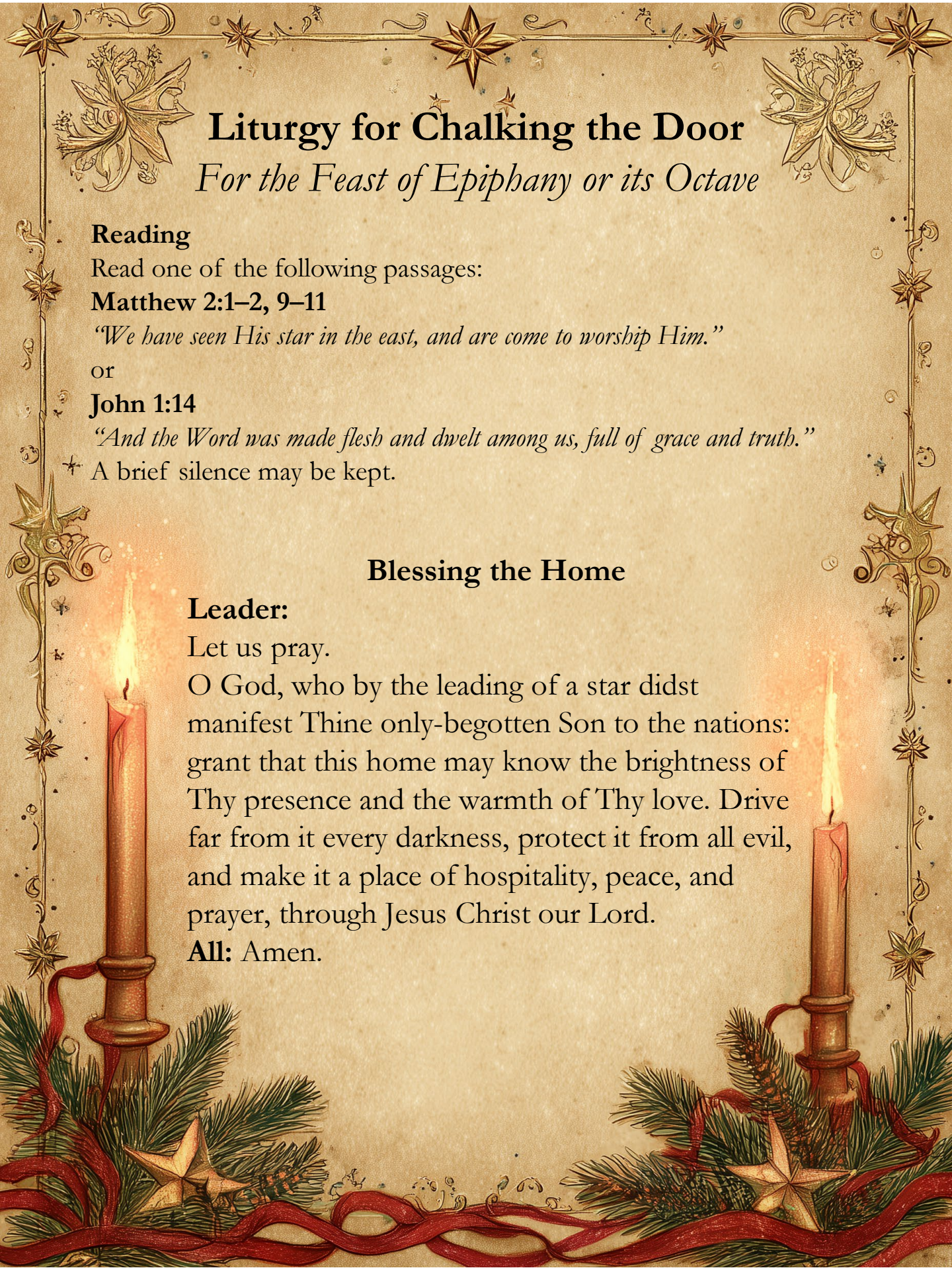
Blessing the Home

Leader:

Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the nations: grant that this home may know the brightness of Thy presence and the warmth of Thy love. Drive far from it every darkness, protect it from all evil, and make it a place of hospitality, peace, and prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.





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Chalking the Door

The leader now marks above the main doorway:

20 + C + M + B + 25

Leader (while writing):

The numbers of the year, 20 and 25, proclaim God's faithfulness in every age.

The letters C M B recall the traditional names of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — and also the prayer:

Christus Mansionem Benedicat

"May Christ bless this house."

The crosses signify the sign of our salvation.

A moment of quiet may be kept.

Prayer for the Household

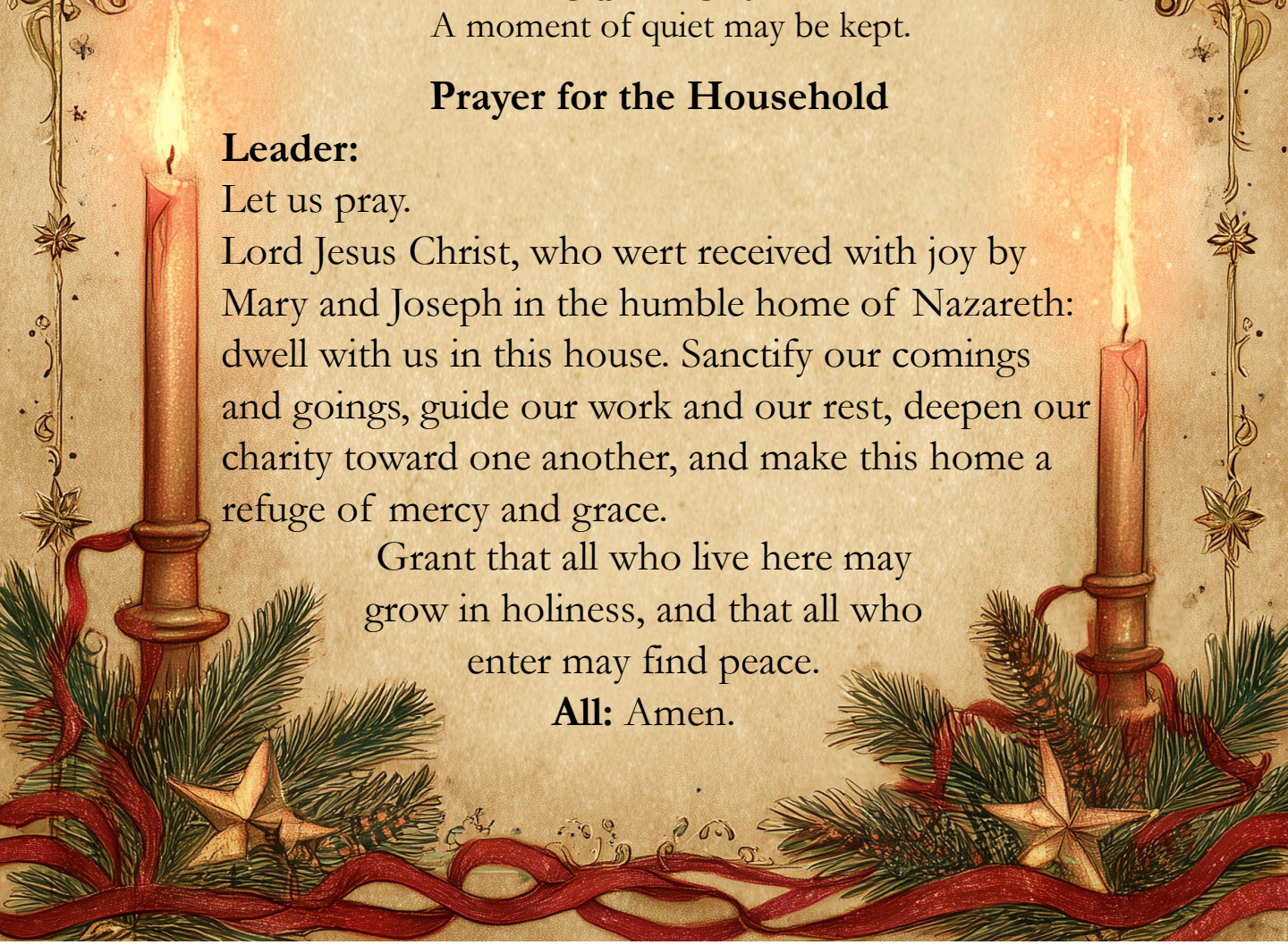
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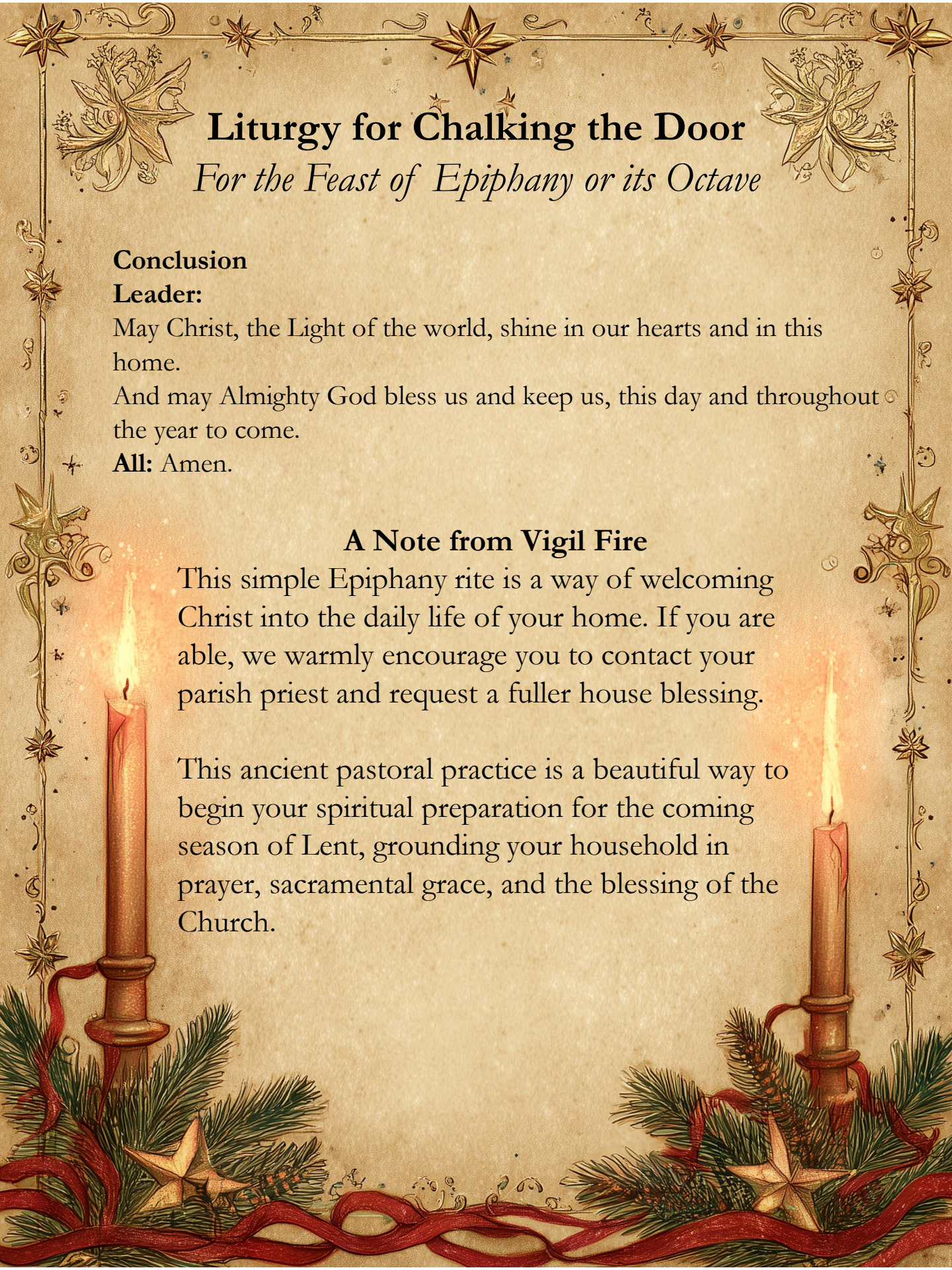
Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, who wert received with joy by Mary and Joseph in the humble home of Nazareth: dwell with us in this house. Sanctify our comings and goings, guide our work and our rest, deepen our charity toward one another, and make this home a refuge of mercy and grace.

Grant that all who live here may grow in holiness, and that all who enter may find peace.

All: Amen.





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Conclusion

Leader:

May Christ, the Light of the world, shine in our hearts and in this home.

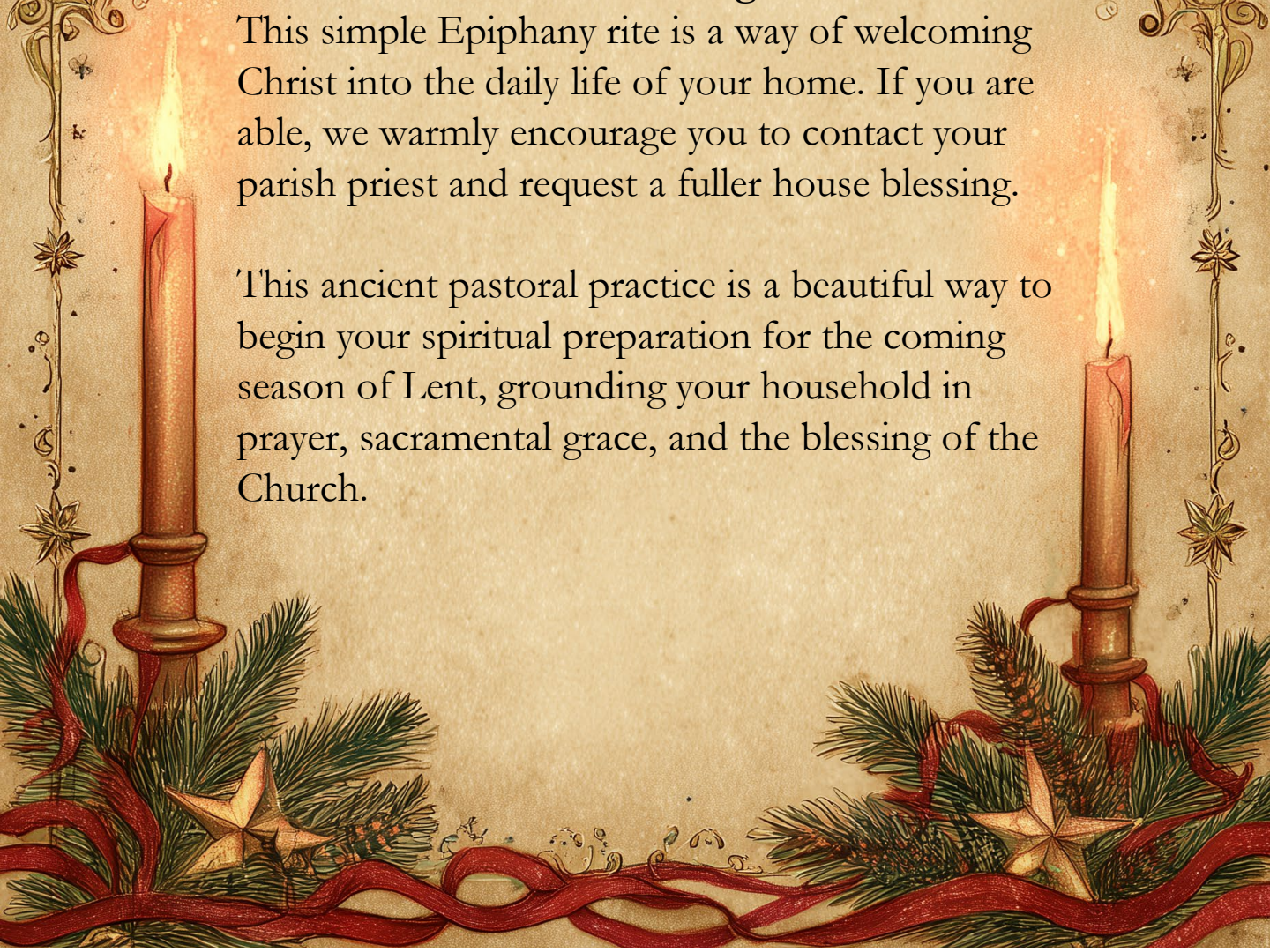
And may Almighty God bless us and keep us, this day and throughout the year to come.

All: Amen.

A Note from Vigil Fire

This simple Epiphany rite is a way of welcoming Christ into the daily life of your home. If you are able, we warmly encourage you to contact your parish priest and request a fuller house blessing.

This ancient pastoral practice is a beautiful way to begin your spiritual preparation for the coming season of Lent, grounding your household in prayer, sacramental grace, and the blessing of the Church.





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