

## CHALKING OF THE CHURCH

Our help is in the name of The Lord

**Who has made heaven and earth**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Saving God, you passed over the homes of the Israelites marked with the sign of your mercy and you revealed yourself to the Gentile visitors who paid homage to your infant Son in his first dwelling, bless + this chalk which we use in faith to beseech your protection and favour upon our homes, and our Church; through Christ, who was made flesh and dwelt among us. **Amen.**

*The procession moves to the principal entrance of the church, and the lintel is marked as follows:*

20 + C + M + B + 24

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-four years ago. May Christ bless those who worship and minister in this Church and remain with them throughout the new year.

**Amen.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star did this day reveal your Only Begotten Son to the Gentiles, grant that we who know You by faith may be brought to the contemplation of the heavenly majesty, through the same Christ, Our Lord.

**Amen.**