Blessing of the Laundromat:
A Collaborative Ministry of North Street Coin-op
Laundromat
& St. Stephen’s Episcopal Parish, Pittsfield

Bishop (on the sidewalk)
Encircle this dwelling place with your protection, O God;
may your holy angels encompass these walls,
and peace be within them.
(censing the front of the Laundromat)

Open the windows and doors of this place that the light and love of
the Holy Spirit may shine within.

(Still at the door, knocking staff at doorjamb)
‘Behold I stand at the door and knock:
If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and ask God’s
blessing.’

Those within now say
Welcome to this place of business,
where all who enter are welcomed.
Blessed be all who come in peace.
Blessed be all who enter with joy.

The Bishop says (entering the Laundromat)
Peace be to this place!
God make it a haven for all who come here.

O God of hearth and home, maker of love and laughter,
make this a place for renewal and restoration,
rest and fellowship,
a place where the lives of workers and guests,
strangers and friends, may find themselves knit together
in kindness and compassion.
The Bishop says
‘I will sprinkle you with clean water, and you will be cleansed.’
(asperging the machines and gathered people!)

(following the asperges)
Blessed are you, Most Holy God,
fountain of living water springing up to eternal life;
in you is our baptism, in you is our faith.
Blessed are you God of the rain, the rivers, and the lakes,
you give water for life and health
to refresh and cleanse all your creatures.

May God bless you and keep you secure in this place.
May all who enter find
Themselves to be God’s beloved children.

And now the eternal Spirit,
enfold this place with love;
indwell this place with joy;
and encircle this place with peace
for ever and forevermore.
Amen.

(liturgy inspired by the House Blessings in the Episcopal Book of Occasional Services and
the New Zealand Prayer Book)