Blessing of Animals

O God, You have done all things wisely; In Your goodness You have made us in Your image and given us care over other living things. Reach out with your right hand and grant that these animals may serve our needs and that Your bounty in the resources of this life may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

After the prayer of blessing, as circumstances suggest, the minister may sprinkle those present and the animals with holy water.