***Act of Worship with Spiritual Communion in Epiphany***

***The Gathering***

*The president greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

**and also with you.**

***Hymn***

***Prayers of Penitence***

The grace of God has dawned upon the world

through our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins

God be gracious to us and bless us,

and make your face to shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,

your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,

and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness

draw you to himself,

that you may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh,

and be cleansed from all your sins,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Gloria in Excelsis***

**Glory to God in the highest,and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***The Collect***

***First Reading :***

**Alleluia, alleluia**

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations

and believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to NN

**Glory to you O Lord.**

*The Gospel is proclaimed, and at the end of the reading, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

***Sermon***

*We keep a moment of stillness for reflection*

***The Nicene Creed***

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is,**

**seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**of one being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit**

**and the Virgin Mary**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified**

**under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**

**to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son**

**is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic**

**and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism**

**for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

***Intercessions***

*The response to* Lord, in your mercy:

*Is* **Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers, the following may be said*

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***The Peace***

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace

there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

***Hymn***

***The Act of Spiritual Communion*** *Silence is kept.*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, ‘I am with you always’. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. **Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

***The Dismissal***

*The president blesses the people, saying this or another suitable blessing*

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory

and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you this day and remain with you always. **Amen**

***Hymn***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen**