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

***The Gathering***

President In the name of the Father,

 and of the Son,

 and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

 The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

 Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

***Prayer of Preparation***

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Prayers of Penitence***

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil

and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**

**we have sinned against you and against our neighbour**

**in thought and word and deed,**

**through negligence, through weakness,**

**through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in 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***

***The Liturgy of the Word***

**First Reading** *(there may also be a 2nd reading too)*

 This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**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 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***

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

 The peace of the risen Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

***The Act of Spiritual Communion***

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed body and blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in you love. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Grant, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. **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***

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,

that great shepherd of the sheep,

through the blood of the eternal covenant,

make you perfect in every good work to do his will,

working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!**