**FINAL LITURGY FOR OUR 800 YEARS’ DOMINICAN JUBILEE, 21 January 2017**

***This liturgy presupposes a small gathering of the local Dominican Family in an informal setting.***

-Set up the room with the Bible given pride of place, and a jubilee candle lit beside it. There may be background welcoming music.

-Someone is “pre-ordained” to welcome the group and lead the liturgy.

1. **Introduction**: Thanksgiving for those present for the liturgy. Invite them to take a few moments to consider the highlights or the gifts of our jubilee year – to give thanks for all of them.

2. A **reading** from the Gospel of Luke: 4: 16ff

2. Each person in the group who wishes makes a **simple response** to this reading, in the light of their experience of the Jubilee year.

3. This is followed by a **time of silent prayer** – for half an hour.

4. Someone reads the following **invitation** (from fr Bruno Cadore’s letter to the Dominican Family, 1 Jan 2016):

 ***The Order tomorrow should be more than ever animated by the desire to become more and more the « family of Dominic » which, from the beginning, was an innovation for the Church. This ought to lead us well beyond good fraternal relations between all the members of the Dominican Family. More sharply the question will no doubt be the following: how does being this « family » allow us together to identify better the needs of the Church and of the world, and to respond in assuming together a common apostolic and evangelical responsibility?***

5. **Spontaneous prayers** of intercession follow:

6. We finish by **singing** Cecily’s **Hymn in honour of Fray Antonio de Montesinos**

*(Melody: ‘All Creatures of our God and King’)*

In hist’ry’s page a story heard
Of a community who dared
To speak out for-all the ‘small ones’.

Preaching that sermon bold and free,

Signed by the whole community,

Father Anton, fearless preacher,
We do honour, alleluia, alleluia!

 O, what a great prophetic stand

Taken by preachers in this land,

Let us praise them, alleluia!

Strong in Dominican belief

That to the poor we bring relief

From despair to liberation,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Speaking the truth they have not lied,

And surely they were ‘crucified’,

Like the Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

So, in a strong collective way

We, too will speak our truth and say,

Peace and justice for the earth,

and for all people, alleluia, alleluia!

 *(Text: Cecily Sheehy OP – NZ)*