Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

In faith, let us pray to the Lord, saying….

Hear us Risen Lord,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

O Lord, our hearts overflow with sounds of exultation and victory.

We will say it again and again, “Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!”

This is your doing, O God who is our strength and salvation, yours alone,

And it is marvelous in our eyes.

Behold, you have made your people to dwell in unity,

And have given us your blessing: life forevermore.

On this day, you have acted;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

I invite your praises and thanksgivings.

***Silence***

Hear us Risen Christ,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

Lord Jesus Christ,

From the beginning, You are the Holy and Righteous One.

You are the Word of life, the true Light of the whole world.

We are your church, and we want to love you by obeying your commandments. Help us to love one another by sharing what we have,

To freely give and receive forgiveness,

And to faithfully testify that you are the Christ,

That all people everywhere would know the glorious news: “Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!”

For in you have all the families of the earth been blessed.

I invite you to pray for the work of the worldwide church, remembering especially people who have not yet heard the good news about Jesus.

***Silence***

I invite you to pray for the global Anglican Communion, remembering especially our lay ministers, priests, deacons, and bishops.

***Silence***

Hear us Risen Lord,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

O Lord, you know the world in which we live.

You dwelt among us and entered into the suffering of the human condition.

You took upon yourself the weight of injustice and evil.

You see the entire world in this moment and no instance of pain escapes your attention.

Teach us to live with faith in a world so torn asunder.

We consider your cross, Jesus, and how hopeless it once appeared,

And we rejoice in your transforming power that brought about victory and new life from such a moment of darkness and despair.

In the same way, may your triumphant kingdom come in the midst of our suffering and pain.

We will say it again and again, “Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!”

I invite your prayers for those who suffer throughout the world and for those ministering to them in Christ’s name.

***Silence***

I invite your prayers for the leaders of the world, remembering especially Barack Obama our president.

***Silence***

Hear us Risen Lord,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

O Lord, though we have not seen you, we love you.

Count us part of those who have not seen and yet have believed!

Whatever our circumstances,

Help us to be people of faith,

People who believe in the living hope of your resurrection,

People whom you have sent out into the world in peace,

People who joyfully receive you, Holy Spirit, and who extend forgiveness to others.

People who say again and again, “Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!”

We offer our lives to you, Lord of all, desiring to surrender every corner of our person to your lordship:

I invite you to cast all your worries and concerns on the Lord.

***Silence***

I invite you to commit the work of your hands to the Lord.

***Silence***

I invite you to ask for discernment in all your decisions this week.

***Silence***

I invite you to consider how you might love well those the Lord brings into your life this week.

***Silence***

I invite you to offer up any other prayers and intercessions.

***Silence***

Hear us Risen Christ,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

We think of the disciples, hidden away behind locked doors,

And we picture their fear turning to joy when they saw you.

We imagine Thomas, boldly laying his hands on your resurrection body and testifying to your lordship.

We remember the millions of our brothers and sisters throughout the ages who together have believed and proclaimed your victory.

We join our voices with theirs to say it again and again, “Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!”

How good it is to be part of your church, stretching back to those first believers and spreading throughout the corners of the world.

Thank you Lord for those who have gone before us.

Our hearts are encouraged by their faithful examples and we pray for them now, trusting that they are in your care.

I invite your thanksgivings to God for those who have died in the faith.

***Silence***

Hear us Risen Lord,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

***Silence***

*Leader & People:*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

Known and unknown,

Things done and left undone;

And so uphold us by your Spirit

That we may live and serve you in newness of life,

To the honor and glory of your Name;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.