Readings: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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

Hear us Risen Lord,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

O Lord, our Shepherd,

You have led us into spacious places

Where we find living water and rest for our souls.

When we are surrounded by fears and beset by death,

We look for the peace of your presence,

And we trust in your promises.

We join the feast you have prepared for us, proclaiming that

 “Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!”

Surely your goodness and mercy will keep us all our days,

And we shall dwell in your house forever.

I invite your praises and thanksgivings.

***Silence***

Hear us Risen Christ,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

Lord Jesus Christ,

You alone are the anointed one,

The one who fulfills the purposes set from before the foundations of the world.

Grant your church great grace to continue to speak your word with all boldness.

Fill us up, Holy Spirit, that we might testify to the healing and saving power of the resurrection,

Saying with one heart and soul:

“Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!”

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.*

Lord Jesus Christ, how good you are to us!

You have laid down your very life for your sheep.

You have brought us into your flock,

That we might listen to your voice and find safe pasture.

Protect us from the one who would steal and kill and destroy.

Who would rob us of your precious gift of abundant life.

You are our Good Shepherd.

How we long for more of your presence!

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.*

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

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!”

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.