Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

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

Hear us Risen Lord,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

Kingship belongs to you, O Lord,

And you rule over the whole earth.

We shall tell of your works,

And proclaim your righteousness to a people yet unborn.

You have done it:

Indeed, Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!

I invite your praises and thanksgivings.

***Silence***

Hear us Risen Christ,

*Our resurrection and our life.*

Sovereign Lord, we lay it in our heart that you are Lord in heaven above and on earth beneath.

There is no other besides you.

We have seen your mighty acts and known your great power.

May all the earth resound with your praise,

Proclaiming your victory over sin and death, saying:

“Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!”

Grant your church grace to grow in our knowledge of the Scriptures,

To faithfully tell others your good news at every opportunity,

And to love you by obeying your commands.

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,

You have glorified your Father,

And the fruit of your obedience has freed us from death.

We will proclaim it through the ages:

 “Jesus has triumphed! Jesus is exalted!”

Abide with us as we abide in you.

Help us to love you in word and deed,

Obeying your commandments and laying down our lives for our brothers.

That our fruitfulness might bring you great glory.

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.