WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

WE PRAY PSALM 16

Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.
Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life.
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life.
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life.

GOD SPEAKS TO US [see daily Bible reading guide, or other Bible reading]

Make your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH [Apostles’ Creed, scriptural song, or other hymn/song]

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Jesus says: ‘I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me’. Let us pray.

Good Shepherd: hear our prayer.
You have taught us to receive God’s gifts thankfully and to share our goods with others: pardon our ingratitude and lack of generosity.

Good Shepherd: hear our prayer.
Thank you for your guidance and correction: bring back to yourself those who have wandered from the church and from you.

Good Shepherd: hear our prayer.
Thank you for not abandoning us in the valley of the shadow of death: reassure those who are dying of your love, and receive them into your eternal arms.

Good Shepherd: hear our prayer.
After resting in the tomb you rose to life: keep us safe now and at our last hour, so that we may wake from death and live with you.

Good Shepherd: hear our prayer.

(Other prayers may follow)

Lord Jesus Christ, as you have said that you are the way, the truth, and the life: Let us never stray from you, doubt your promises, nor rely on anything else than you; for without you there is nothing to be desired, in heaven or on earth; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER

Jesus says: Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps my words.

May the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us always.

Amen.