

**Let us pray.**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

Lord Jesus, you walked with women and men throughout your life.

**We pray that we may grow disciples of depth and integrity,  
and that we will add to our number those who are coming to faith.**

Lord Jesus, you welcomed people of all ages into your company.

**We pray for our work with children and young people within and without Church, and for our  
schools, colleges and universities and all who study and work within them.**

Lord Jesus, you called the most unlikely people to follow you.

**We ask that you will raise up lay leaders to be your witnesses in the world and we give thanks for  
the increasing number coming forward for ordination.**

Lord Jesus, you were never afraid to cross borders and boundaries.

**We pray for our partnerships with communities of all kinds and all faiths within our diocese and  
beyond.**

Lord Jesus, you gave up all that you had, even to death on a cross

**We pray that you will raise up generous spirits, hearts and minds in us and in others. Help us to  
share all that we have with friend and stranger.**

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**Lord Jesus, help us to stand firm and to stand up for you.**

**Help us to choose the shoes which will make us ready to proclaim your peace and transform lives.**

**Amen**

**Our Father in heaven**

Though one with God, yet not by might  
did Christ his equal status claim:

instead he gave up all he had  
and as a humble servant came.

In worldly form, of woman born,  
he lived at one with humankind  
and strode and stumbled to the cross  
that we the path to life might find.

Therefore God raised him from after death,  
raised him to reign in earth and heaven:

the one who we considered least,  
the greatest name by God was given.

And so, to honour Jesus' name,  
all who have life or are to be  
shall kneel proclaiming 'Christ is Lord!'

And worship God eternally.

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Go! Preach the word, live out the gospel and make Jesus known

**For the sake of his world, we will.**