“But He Lives!”

Congregation responds to each statement with the declaration, “But He lives!”

**Leader:** They tried to stone Him in the temple when He proclaimed the greatest news of all time.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** They tried to stop the joyous fulfillment of prophecy.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** They mocked Him and beat Him, hoping that He would die even before He was nailed to that merciless beam.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** They laughed at Him like fools when He said those words of the immortal God, “Father, forgive them.” They wanted His blood and not His heart.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** He was nailed to the cross and suffered the torture and humiliation of the entire world. It was placed on His shoulders like a sacrificial lamb led to the alter to appease a Holy God.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** They laughed as He died. They made sure He would be lost
forever among the grave stones of eternity.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** They put a stone that would smother the truth. That would keep the dead in their rightful place.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** They thought they had seen the last of this man who loved them unconditionally.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** Yes, He lives. They still want to muffle His grace.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** They still want to stop His power.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** They still want to bury the miracle.

**Congregation:** But He lives!

**Leader:** Praise God! Jesus, King Jesus lives.

Choir sings: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*This prayer could be used as a benediction or a reading, sometime after Easter Sunday.*