

“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.

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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.