Lent 5A Intercessions

Jesus, our resurrection and our life, raise our vision and centre it on your eternity. Breathe into your Church the vitality of your Spirit ... Make us a holy dwelling place for you.

Jesus, our resurrection and our life, look with compassion on your world. Make the dry bones of political intrigue come to life that all may dance in your freedom ... Loose the bonds of corruption and set free all that enhances godly living.

Jesus, our resurrection and our life, draw together into one body dispersed and fractured peoples. Connect the strands of society uniting people of all races, ages and gender ... Dwell among us, Lord, that we may behold your glory.

Jesus, our resurrection and our life, be with all who are ill in mind and body . . . Reveal your glory in our frailty.

Jesus, our resurrection and our life, you restore life where it has been lost, and we rejoice in the warmth of your love . . . May we hear you call us from the place of death to delight in your new creation.

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