Collects for the Sundays of Easter; giving attention to brain friendly language

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- Prayers of the People Third Sunday of Easter/4.19.15/ Yr B

Opening Collect:
God of promise: you send Jesus, raised and glorified, to speak peace to a startled and terrified people. His resurrected presence gladdens our hearts. In him, you fulfill your promise of life eternal. At peace in your love, we pray for the church, for the world, and for the whole of creation. Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us and accept our prayers.

Closing Collect:
Jesus: you come to Easter us. Turn us from trusting in our own piety and prayer towards fidelity to you and faith in your name. By the wounds you suffered for our sake; “let us be Eastered.”1; boldly witnessing to your promise to bring life from death, strength from weakness, wholeness from brokenness. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

- Prayers of the People Fourth Sunday of Easter/4.26.15/ Yr B

Opening Collect:
Shepherding God: through Jesus, your Son, you gather all your children into one fold. Raising him, you make plain the power of your healing love and saving grace. He speaks, and we listen; that by sharing in his goodness and mercy, we may pray for the needs of your flock in the strength of his name. Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us and accept our prayers.

Closing Collect:
God of all life: make us bold to obey your commandments. Lead us to still places, where we may receive the nourishment of your Spirit. When we lose ourselves in selfish tears or in death’s shadows, call us again into your abiding presence. Listening to your voice; free us to serve you all our days. In the name of Jesus, your Son and our Shepherd, we pray.

1 “We are baffled”, Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth; Walter Brueggemann, Fortress press, 2003.