*Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a and Psalm 51:1-13 or Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35*

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

You lead your people both day and night.

*O God, we will put our trust in your saving power.*

You give us living water in the midst of our wilderness.

*O God, we will put our trust in your saving power.*

You send us the bread from heaven that gives true life to the world.

*O God, we will put our trust in your saving power.*

You build your people up in love and make us your sanctuary.

*O God, we will put our trust in your saving power.*

Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, whoever comes to you shall not hunger, and whoever believes in you shall never thirst.

*O God, we will put our trust in your saving power.*

I invite you to add your own praises to the Lord.

***Silence****.*

You are worthy, Holy God, to receive all our praise. We worship you in the glory of your perfect Trinity and ask for grace to steadfastly believe and proclaim your unity.

We pray for your holy catholic church;

*Equip us for the work of ministry.*

May we attain to mature knowledge and the unity of the faith;

*Teach us how to speak the truth in love.*

Replace our deceitful thoughts with the quiet confidence of steadfast faith;

*Grow us up in every way into the fullness of Christ.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

I invite you to add your own prayers for the worldwide church.

***Silence.***

Creator of the earth, you spoke the world into existence and sustain all things by your life giving word. Consider the toil and sorrow of the people of the earth and, in your compassion, have mercy on the world.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;

For the refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger;

*Relieve and protect them, O Lord, and grant them eternal hope in you.*

Teach us how to rightly steward the gift of your creation,

*That the resources of the world would be used to your honor and glory.*

I invite your prayers for the needs of the world.

***Silence.***

God of all love and peace, we come to you in faith, offering you access into every area of our lives.

We pray for this congregation;

*May we walk in a manner worthy of our calling.*

Mark us with all humility, gentleness, and patience;

*Help us to bear with one another in love.*

Teach us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace;

*Join us together in the love of Christ.*

Put far from us the grumbling of disbelief;

*Help us to believe in the fullness of your provision.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life;

*Give us this bread always.*

We look to you, Lord of all, mindful of our helplessness;

*Glorify your name in the midst of our need.*

I invite you to cast all your cares and concerns on the Lord, remembering that He cares for you.

***Silence***.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We believe in you, Lord Christ.

We cry out to you, Father God.

We receive your witness, Holy Spirit.

Abide with us as we abide in you this week and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.