*Readings: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 & Psalm 111 or Proverbs 9:1-6 & Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58*

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

You are worthy of our worship, and we reverence you in holy fear;

*Those who fear the Lord lack no good thing.*

You show us the way of insight and offer us the bounty of wisdom;

*Those who fear the Lord lack no good thing.*

You promise good provision for those who seek you;

*Those who fear the Lord lack no good thing.*

Our hearts overflow with the melody of gratitude, and we sing of your goodness in this congregation;

*Those who fear the Lord lack no good thing.*

We give you thanks, Father God, for everything.

*Those who fear the Lord lack no good thing.*

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;

*That we may feed on Christ and abide with him.*

Grant your church discernment, and, by your Spirit, help us to leave our simple ways;

*That we may repent and walk in the way of insight.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life;

*Give us this bread always.*

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 not as unwise but as wise;

*Convict us to carefully consider how we use our time.*

Enable us to discern the nature of our choices that we might turn from evil and do good;

*Teach us to understand your will and walk in your way.*

Put far from us evil speech and lying words;

*Help us to seek peace and pursue it.*

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.