*Readings: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43 & Psalm 84 or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 & Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69*

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

Blessed are you, O Lord, for you root us in the strength of your might;

*The Lord is our strength and our deliverer.*

You have equipped us to stand firm against the evil one;

*The Lord is our strength and our deliverer.*

Surround us with your belt of truth, and guard our hearts with the righteousness of Christ;

*The Lord is our strength and our deliverer.*

Make our feet quick with the gospel of peace, and strengthen our faith at all times;

*The Lord is our strength and our deliverer.*

Secure over our minds the truth of our salvation, and help us to hold fast to your word;

*The Lord is our strength and our deliverer.*

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;

*Help us to persevere in prayer for all the saints.*

Give us your words to proclaim the mystery of the gospel with boldness;

*May our lips and hearts truly honor you.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have the words of eternal life;

*Help us to believe in you 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 fear you alone;

*Help us to daily choose to serve you in sincerity and faithfulness.*

You have delivered us out of our slavery to sin;

*Show us areas where we are idolatrous and serve other gods.*

Incline our hearts to you, for you are the only true God;

*The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey*.

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.