*Readings: Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1 or Psalm 54 and Jeremiah 11:18-20 (or Wisdom 1:16-2:1 (6-11) 12-22); James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37*

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

By your Name, Almighty God, you save us;

*I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.*

In your might, you defend our cause;

*I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.*

You help us in the midst of trouble; you, O Lord, sustain our lives;

*I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.*

You uphold us when we are surrounded by enemies and rescue us from every trouble;

*I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.*

We freely offer you sacrifices of thanksgiving;

*I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.*

This is our God. Praise him, all you people, for he listens to our words. 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;

*Teach us to be servants of all.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for all our brothers and sisters in the faith;

*That we may faithfully care for the children of the world.*

You are the Christ, and we would follow hard after you;

*Show us how to lose our lives for your sake.*

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.

O Lord, we are beset by our own brokenness;

*In humility, we ask for your grace.*

Put far from us jealousy and selfish ambition;

*We confess our discontentment and covetousness.*

Give us your wisdom from above

*That we would be full of mercy and good fruits.*

Show us how to sow peace in our daily lives;

*That we might reap a harvest of righteousness.*

Teach us how to order our desires in accordance with your will;

*That our prayers would be pleasing before you.*

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.