*Readings: Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146 or Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34*

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

Your testimonies are good, O Lord, and your way is blameless.

*The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

We praise you with our whole hearts as we learn your righteous decrees.

*The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

You have written your life-giving word on our hearts.

*The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

Your teaching blesses us and fulfills your promises to your people.

*The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

This is our God. Praise him, all you people, for he is our help and our salvation. 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;

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the author of eternal redemption.*

You have offered yourself without blemish and by means of your own blood;

*Purify our conscience from dead works to serve you alone.*

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.

You, O Lord, are our God. You, O Lord, are One.

*Give us a perfect love for you alone.*

Enable us to love you with all our hearts and all our souls and all our minds and all our strengths.

*Bind us to yourself with a love that is stronger than death.*

Quicken our wills to love our neighbors;

*Transform our self-absorbed hearts and fill them with your love.*

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.