*Readings: Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 or 1 Samuel 17: (1a,4-11,29-23),32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Psalm 133; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41*

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

You laid out the heavens and the earth, and all creation shouts for joy at your handiwork;

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.*

The wind and the sea and all living things obey you, Sovereign Lord;

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.*

You are with us when we are afraid and faithless;

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.*

You speak peace into the storm and deliver us from our distress;

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.*

You are good, O Lord, and you have redeemed us from the hand of the foe;

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.*

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;

*Make our hearts wide open.*

You have made us new creations and reconciled us to yourself;

*Help us to obediently proclaim the message of reconciliation.*

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your name may be glorified by all people.*

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 not receive the grace of God in vain.*

Keep us from being restricted by our own affections;

*That are our hearts might be enlarged with your love.*

When we are overwhelmed with fear and peril;

*Help us to be courageous and full of faith.*

Deliver us from hardness of heart;

*Transform us to be your commendable servants in all circumstances.*

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.