*Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48 or Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13*

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

You are enthroned in the heavens, O God, yet you speak to your people on earth.

*Our eyes will look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.*

You declare your word to us, even when our hearts our rebellious.

*Our eyes will look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.*

You grant us your all-sufficient grace and sustain us in our weaknesses;

*Our eyes will look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.*

Your presence is sure, even in the midst of difficulty and contempt.

*Our eyes will look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.*

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy.

*Our eyes will look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.*

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 obey your command to disciple the nations.*

Teach us to be content in all difficulty,

*That your strength would be displayed in our weakness.*

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 hear and receive the words you speak to us.*

When we are faced with the derision and scorn of others,

*Help us to lift our eyes to you alone.*

Deliver us from hardness of heart;

*We believe; help us in our unbelief.*

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.